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THE WEATHER.

Clearing weather is indicated for New England tonight, and Wednesday in this district promises fair and colder weather with westerly winds.

ALMANAC, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22.
Sun rises—7:11; sets, 4.15.
Moon rises—6:02 a. m.
Tide—9:30 a. m.; 10 p. m.

WALKED 600 MILES

On Crutches to Meet His Bride.

UPON HIS ARRIVAL SHE REFUSED HIM.

Now He Sues for Breach of Promise.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—Reuben Lane, 33 years old, walked on crutches from Barnsborough, Pa., to Topeka, a distance of 600 miles, to marry Mrs. Eliza Ann Parker. When he arrived here she refused to have him. He has employed a lawyer and has sued for breach of promise. He is a widower, and she a widow of sixty years. They became engaged through a matrimonial agency. It took him thirty-six days to make the trip.

DEATHS.

DOYLE—James E. Doyle, aged 32 years, died yesterday at his home 25 Winter street. The funeral occurred this afternoon and was well attended. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

BRENNAN—Michael Brennan, aged 53 years, died this morning at his home, 66 Andover street. Deceased was a well known blacksmith. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Peter Corr, Lena G., and Kate T. Brennan, and one brother, James E. Brennan.

COURT—After a long and painful illness, due to a complication of diseases, Mrs. Margaret Gilchrist Court, aged 58, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Court, late pastor of the First Presbyterian church, died last night at 9.52 o'clock at the Presbyterian parsonage, 126 Appleton street. At the time of Mrs. Court's death, she was surrounded by her housekeeper and a number of her most intimate friends. Deceased had no relatives in this country, and but one in Europe. Funeral arrangements ments will be announced later.

PRESENTED TO TEXTILE SCHOOL.

Charles L. Hildreth of the Lowell Machine shop inventor of the revolving top-flat cotton card, scroll pattern, has presented the World's Fair model of the invention to the Lowell Textile school.

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CLASS OF TRAINED NURSES

Graduated With Honors at St. John's Hospital Yesterday.

Addresses by Dr. Bell and Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I.—The Exercises Quite Interesting.

A class of trained nurses was graduated from the training school of St. John's hospital yesterday afternoon. Exercises in honor of the occasion were held in Y.M.C.I. hall and the audience numbered besides friends of the graduates, patrons of the hospital, the Sisters of Charity, the nurses, and several of the Catholic clergy.

The exercises opened with a piano selection from Flotow's "Martha," played by Mr. T. F. Molloy, who arranged the musical numbers. The salutatory was delivered by Miss Mary A. Copps, who pleasantly greeted the company and warmly thanked the Sisters of Charity and the physicians who had been the instructors of the graduates during the two years of training. Berger's quartette, "Night, Lovely Night," was sung by Misses Louise J. McLaughlin, and Nano M. Gallagher, and Mr. Molloy and Mr. James Donnelly. Miss Margaret D. Mullen recited "A Texas R omance," with such spirit that she was recalled and read "The Ambulance." Mrs. Hugh Walker sang with artistic effect, "Goodby, Sweet Day," and Miss Bessie O'Neil gave with much eclat a stirring recitation, "How Sligo Won the Race."

Dr. Plunkett then presented the diplomas to the graduates who were Misses Ellen Mary Donovan, Manchester, N. H.; Alice Martina Carey, Prince Edward Island; Mary A. Copps, Fitzroy Harbor, Ont.; Margaret Darling Mullen, Ottawa; Margaret Hickson, Lowell; Mary A. Grimes, Ottawa; Margaret Carroll, Hornersville, N. Y.; Katherine Loretto Shannon, Lowell.

The graduates wore the cap with a black ribbon which is the insignia of their honorable profession.

A duet from "1492" was sung by Messrs. Molloy and Donnelly. Miss Nano Gallagher's pleasing contralto voice was heard in "The Lady of the Sea."

DR. BELL'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Bell then addressed the graduates. He expressed reluctance to speak first, because the nurses had been hearing his voice all through the course, and also because his tongue could not utter the thoughts he would desire to express. It was no idle compliment he paid when he said that this class was never surpassed by any sent out of the hospital. The pupils had been throughout faithful, industrious and devoted, and this he expected would be true in all their subsequent career. They were going forth to an experience like that of the physician, who as Sir Andrew Clark says, for the first ten years earns his bread, the second ten years bread and butter, and the third ten years cakes and ale. The life of the true nurse is one of constant study. He urged the graduates always to be watchful. Don't let the mind get rusty. Acquire useful facts and have them ready for instant use. The trained nurse is no longer an experiment; she is a demonstrated fact. All skepticism about her value has passed away.

There has been great progress in medicine during this century, but the progress in the coming era will be greater, and the progress of nursing is along the line of great medical advancement. In the coming century, America will not only echo the discoveries of Europe, but will make some of her own, which will be heard throughout the world.

"Look out for small things," said Dr. Bell to the graduates. "Beef tea and mutton broth if well made are agreeable to the eye and taste; if poorly made, are a reproach. Be proud of your profession. The mission of the nurse is to help others. Mutual help is the rule of life from the cradle to the deathbed. Inspire in your patients a feeling of trust. Cultivate a feeling of order. Be pliable, not mechanicle. Be sympathetic. Learn to disguise your feelings. Obey strictly the orders of the physician in charge, even if another doctor would treat the case differently. The nurse is like the soldier, and should obey, but unlike the soldier she can leave the case if the treatment does not comend itself to her judgment. Remember that caring sickness, you are dealing with complex material, with a body with life in it. Don't try to treat two cases alike."

Dr. Bell then briefly sketched the history of medicine and woman's relation to it. He urged the nurses to be proud of their uniform, which means years of work and self-sacrifice. As it was necessary to have a blue line of troops to protect our shores, so it may become necessary to have a national line of nurses to ward off the invading army of disease.

Dr. Bell next gave an interesting and graphic story of the Geneva treaty, which 32 nations had signed, making the white flag with its red cross the universal signal of peace and help to the wounded. He spoke of Florence Nightingale and other women in the Crimea and of the work of women in our civil war. He closed with an urgent appeal to the graduates to be patient with their work and especially in the care of children.

REV. FR. JOYCE, O. M. I.

After a solo by Mr. Donnelly, Rev. William D. Joyce, O.M.I., presented the medals, speaking as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—To me has been assigned the very pleasant duty of presenting to this graduating class of pupil-nurses of St. John's hospital the medals which they have merited by two years of faithful and efficient service."

"The brilliant future which we ventured to predict for the training school at the first graduating exercises, has been fully attained. The pupils have profited by the instructions of the medical staff and the noble and holy example of the Sisters of Charity has not been lost upon them. They have learned to devote themselves to suffering humanity, not from mercenary motives, not for 'wages,' or 'salary,' or 'fee,' but out of love for Him whom they have been taught to see in the persons of the sick, Christ, our Lord."

"The Christian nurse, like the Christian physician, gives a service too noble to be measured in money value, and whatever compensation may be given for services rendered must be viewed simply as a form of tribute and not as a pecuniary reward for labor. This is the ideal which makes the medical profession so honorable in society. Any other motive would only tend to degrade it. Hence, it behooves the trained nurse, the physician's faithful aid, to regard her profession in this light. Other considerations are merely personal and therefore unworthy of her high calling.

"Christianity gives the nurse many striking models. Kings and queens, like St. James and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, have served and tended the sick with wonderful love and tenderness. Scarcely had the apostles begun their work of teaching than they found dependent upon them many of their brethren needing material assistance. They had not the time to withdraw from their duty of announcing the gospel, the glad tidings of salvation, to the world's nations, but they were the superintendents, the bishops, the heads of the church, and calling to their assistance others whom they consecrated to the work they gave them the special charge of looking after the poor and suffering members of the flock. No sooner had the ages of persecution passed, than hospitals for the care of the sick and the relief of the suffering were established.

"Closer to our own times, we find numerous religious orders of men and women devoting themselves to the care of the sick. Take the Sisters of Charity as a type of the whole order of sisterhoods. We find St. Vincent de Paul, a humble priest with a big heart filled with the love of God, whose chief work was the establishment of the Sisters of Charity. Here are women leaving home, family, and friends, the comforts and pleasures of life, changing their names and dress, and binding themselves together in one common family to live slaves for others, to toil by day and by night at the bedside of the dying, nursing the most loathsome diseases, caring for the orphan, watching over the old—the cross old people, fretful in their humors, often ungrateful and impatient. The principle of this is the teaching of Christ, which led them to give their all for their neighbor, and the Sisters of Charity are but a mere handful of the mighty army of devoted virgins thus laboring among the poor and suffering all over the world.

"When St. Vincent de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity, it was objected that he did not give them a veil to cover their faces. The holy founder replied: 'Their modesty shall be their veil,' and so it has been. And so must it be with you, the graduates of St. John's hospital training school, modesty must be your veil. Religion must guide and animate you in the discharge of those onerous duties, which are performed cheerfully when the heart is inflamed with an ardent spirit of charity. Go out into the world, minister to the ills of the body which appeal to the senses, but forget not the ills of the spirit which are hidden from view. In the exercise of your profession, you must never lose sight of the great spiritual good you may accomplish. You must be models of virtue, types of a true, generous, devoted womanhood.

"In the alleviation of corporal calamity, you shall frequently, as you know by experience, be called upon to overcome a strong repugnance on the part of weak human nature. It is then religion will come to your assistance. Helped by it, you shall never recoil from any form of suffering or misery. The angel of death may stand at the pest-house, every human being may withdraw in terror from him, but the Christian nurse sweeps by him, and goes in, if need be, to suffer and to die.

"Christian virtue, as distinguished from the worldly and heathenish philanthropy of the day, shall encourage and sustain you in the doing of your blessed work. You go forth from your school prepared to discharge even the lowest offices of corporal service, however repugnant to flesh and blood, without ostentation or pride, regardless of the pecuniary compensation that may be given you, which, indeed, shall be a mere tribute of gratitude to a benefactress. May you prosper in your noble profession; may your every effort to assuage pain and comfort the suffering be crowned with success; may you be a veritable benediction to the homes of the sick which you shall enter as angels of mercy and charity. May your career be a source of unfailing satisfaction to the devoted and self sacrificing Sisters of Charity and to the eminent physicians with whom you lived and labored at St. John's hospital."

The exercises closed with a selection from "The Sorcerer," by Miss Louise McLaughlin.

First class printing at this office.

2 O'CLOCK

AN INDIAN PLOT

To Burn Court Records Is Discovered.

BY AUTHORITIES IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Redskin's Object to Suit for Debt.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

South McAllister, I. T., Dec. 21.—The lawless element among the Indians have formed a conspiracy to burn up the United States court houses and all other court buildings in the territory. The burning of the court house at Ardmone, with all the records is believed to be the first attempt to carry out the plot. Under Indian law, one Indian cannot sue another for debt. but under the federal law, which begins January 1, they can sue, and it is the debtor class which is attempting to burn the records against themselves.

PRINCESS HOHENLOHE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Princess Hohenlohe, wife of the Imperial chancellor, is dead. Inflammation of the lungs was the cause. She was born in 1829.

FUNERALS.

MELLEN—The funeral of Hugh Mellen took place this morning from his late home on Wamesit street. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where service was held. There were assembled in the church many relatives and friends of the deceased, among those present being a number of the older residents of that section of the city who had known Mr. Mellen for years and had learned to respect him for his true, manly qualities and his noble character. Besides these, there were in attendance friends of the family. The requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. McManus, and the choir, under the direction of T. F. Molloy, sang Schmidt's requiem mass. At the conclusion of the service, Mr. James E. Donnelly rendered the hymn, "I Love to Hear My Saviour's Voice." After the service, the cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery, where the interment took place. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Fr. McManus. The pall bearers were Messrs. Patrick Craig, Edward Lewis, Thomas J. Sparks, Martin Heerin, Joseph Johnson, and James Higgins. The only floral offering was a large sheaf of wheat inscribed "Father."

HEATH—The funeral of Bridget Heath took place from her late home, 20 West street this morning. Service was held at St. Michael's church, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Fr. Gilday. The choir sang the Gregorian chant and Miss Mabel Ware sang "I Love to Hear My Saviour's Voice." The bearers were James Coughlin, John Henry, James Busbee, and John Cavanaugh. Among the floral offerings were a pillow from the family; calla lilies, Kate E. Cunniff; sheaf of wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Heath; cross on base, Miss Margaret McDermott. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

THE POLICEMEN'S BALL.

The Police Relief association ball which was to have taken place on the evening of January 4, in Huntington hall, has been postponed until the 18th, and it will be held in Associate and Mechanics' Halls.

Councilman George Taylor, who is a boss in Hood's laboratory is a candidate for president of the Common Council.

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in price, but don't delay getting yours they are bound to be scarce, especially the finer grades—can't get any more of them before Xmas. Colors, at $1.25, are red and black, fur trimmed; colors at $1.50, red, black, tan, fur trimmed.

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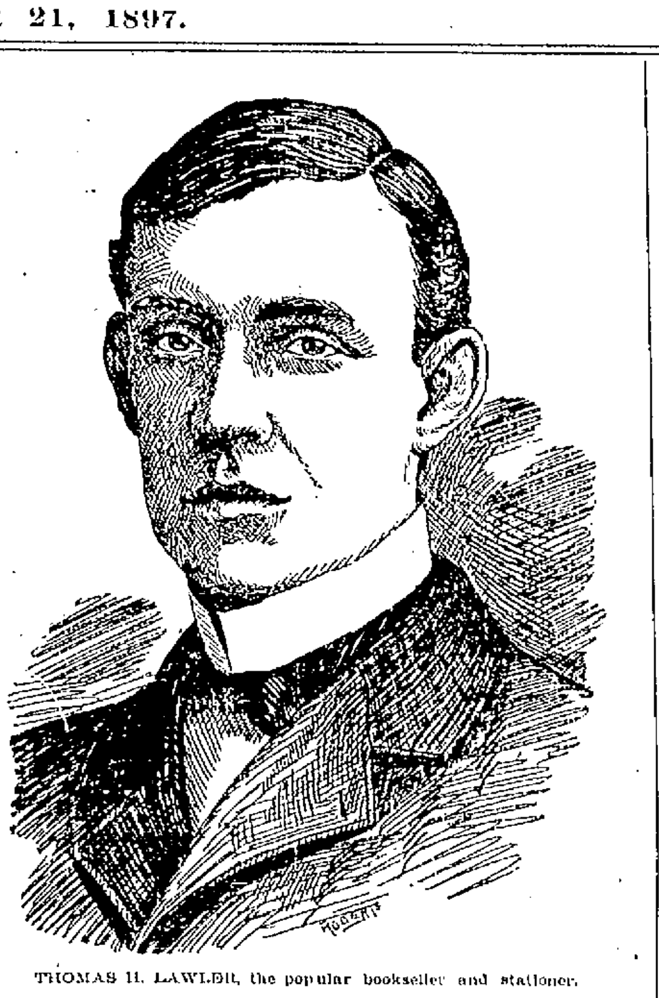

THOMAS H. LAWLER, the popular bookseller and stationer.

THE BEST BOOKS TO READ

As Decided by the Highest Literary Authorities in America.

What Librarian Chase and Thom. H. Lawler Says on the Subject—The Best Books to Help Young Men in the Attainment of Success.

The subject of books and reading is more generally discussed and admits of more varied conclusions than any similar topic that from time to time interests the learned ones. There have been discussions by the score as to what are the best books to recommend to readers, but there has been an infinite variety of books and innumerable tastes and conditions that have rendered a common conclusion an utter impossibility. Therefore, when a reporter is asked to ascertain for the readers of his article a list of the best books to read, he is given a task not to be accomplished in a short time by any means, and then even after mature consideration of the subject, to result unsatisfactorily, or perhaps to annoy a large majority of those whom he seeks to satisfy.

The general public are by no means members of the genus bookworm, and when, as every Christmastide approaches, they seek to purchase gifts for their loved ones, invariably they place themselves in the old familiar quandary that leads to the question:

Well, I would like to give him a nice book, but what one he will like best is a question?" The general result in such cases is that the recipient of the gift gets a book that he has either read before or dislikes. The average mortal whose best hours are taken up earning his daily bread has but comparatively little time for the pursuit of knowledge or recreation through books and none but the most attractive will hold him in his limited time. Hence, it is well for the giver in selecting a book or set of books to bear in mind these facts and make the gift useful as well as ornamental.

With a view to ascertaining what books might be the best to give as Christmas gifts, a Sun reporter called on City Librarian Chase at his office in the Library building yesterday. Mr. Chase is, without any exception, one of the best informed men on the subject of books in this vicinity. He is a most entertaining talker, and while limited time forbade him compiling a list of his own, he very kindly put the reporter on the right track to attain his end, and furnished him with the interesting and needed data for which all Sun readers will be duly thankful.

To begin with the first question that suggests itself: "What are the ten greatest books of the century?" Now for every list of ten that the writer might suggest, some far more eminent authority might suggest another and a better list. Not long ago, however, a contest was held in St. Louis to determine this question and the preliminary results were first as follows:

A book is a literary work substantial in amount and homogeneous in character. Greatness is the effect on the world. There were 1016 lists sent in and the 10 books decided to be the greatest of the century were the following: Carlyle's "French Revolution;" Darwin's "Origin of Species;" Dickens' "David Copperfield;" Goethe's "Faust;" Hugo's "Les Miserables;" Humboldt's "Cosmos;" Macaulay's "History of England;" Mill's "Political Economy;" Ruskin's "Modern Painters;" and Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

The second prize list contained instead of Dickens and Thackeray, De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" and Hegel's "Philosophy of History."

The third prize list contained instead of Mills and Thackeray, Emerson's Essays; Eliot's "Middlemarch," and Stow's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

But these lists, while it is true that all contained in them are grand works, will not meet the requirements of the average Christmas book purchaser, and other lists of books are therefore sought.

In 1893, the Critic held a competition on the ten best American books and these are the result: Emerson's Essays; Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter;" Longfellow's poems; Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin;" Holmes' "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table;" Irving's "Sketch Book;" Lowell's poems; Whittier's poems; Wallace's "Ben Hur;" And Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic."

The question of the best poetry is always an interesting one and while all lists differ, that gotten out as the result of a contest in Life last July as to the best poem, commends itself generally. It includes: Gray's "Elegy;" Bryant's "Thanatopsis;" Longfellow's Psalm of Life; Poe's "Raven;" Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade;" Shelley's "To a Skylark;" Holmes' "Chambered Nautilus;" Hood's "Bridge of Sighs;" and Wolfe's "Burial of Sir John Moore."

But the poems of Shelley and Wolfe in the prize list were displaced by Scott's "Lochinvar" and Read's "Drifting."

Parents are always desirous of getting the best of books for their little ones and in the lists obtained through good authority, the following may always be safely commended to the young: Mrs. Burnett's "Little Lord Fauntleroy;" Robinson Crusoe; Louisa Alcott's "Little Women" and "Little Men," "Swiss Family Robinson," Pilgrim's Progress," "Andersen's Fairy Tales," "Arabian Nights," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Dicken's "David Copperfield," Porter's "Scottish Chiefs," Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" and Kingsley's "Water Babies."

But for a book to read for good sound enjoyment with true patriotism, we always turn to our American story, just long enough to please us, not so brief as to disappoint; In a competition in the Critic this year, the 12 best American stories were decided to be Hale's "The Man Without a Country," Bret Harte's "The Luck of Roaring Camp," Hawthorne's "The Great Stone Face," and "The Snow Image," Poe's "The Gold Bug," and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger?" Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and "Rip Van Winkle;" Page's "Marse Chan" Aldrich's "Marjorie Daw" and Wilkin's "Revolt of Mother." To these may be added Benner's "Love in Old Clothes," Wilkin's "A Humble Romance," Hawthorne's "The Birthmark," Mark Twain's "The Jumping Frog," Page's "Meh Lady;" Cable's "Posson Jone," and Davis' "Gallegher."

Other competitions have shown the great novels in the popular estimation to be the following: "Scarlet Letter," Hawthorne; "Les Miserables," Hugo; "Romola," Cross; "Adam Bede," Cross; "Ivanhoe," Scott; "David Copperfield," Dickens; "Henry Esmond," Thackeray; "Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship," Goethe; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Stowe; "On the Heights," Auerbach; "Jane Eyre," Nicholls; "Tale of Two Cities," Dicken's; "Newcomes," Thackeray; "Heart of Mid-Lothian," Scott; "Vanity Fair," Thackeray; "Robert Falconer," McDonald; "Hypatia," Kingsley; "Don Quixote," Cervantes; "Marble Faun," Hawthorne; "Mill on the Floss," Cross; "Consuelo," Dudevant; "Middlemarch," Cross; "Last Days of Pompeii," Lytton; "Corinne," De Stael; Robinson Crusoe," De Foe; "Vilette," Nicholls; "Vicar of Wakefield," Goldsmith; "Guy Mannering, Scott; "Lorna Doone," Blackmore; "Westward Ho!" Kingsley; "Felix Holt," Cross; "I Promessi Sposi," Manzoni; "John Halifax, Gentleman," Craik; "Old Mortality," Scott; "Pickwick Papers," Dicken's; "Pride and Prejudice," Austin; "Silas Marner," Cross; "Neighbors," Bremer; "Titan," Richter; "Virginians," Thackeray; "Our Mutual Friend," Dickens; "Egyptian Princess," Eber.

And with all these mentioned there are still hundreds of fine books that could be read to good advantage, but no one can fail to appreciate the gift of any of the above.

THOMAS H LAWLER.

TELLS WHAT BOOKS ARE MOST HELPFUL TO YOUNG MEN.

Thomas H. Lawler, whose portrait we present today is one of our popular young men, well known in business and social circles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawler of Belvidere, both of whom have resided in this city over forty years. His brother is Dr. William P. Lawler, the well known physician, and two of his sisters are teachers in our public schools. In 1880 he was graduated from the Colburn grammar school and in 1884 he was graduated from the Lowell High school. Since his school days, Mr. Lawler has been engaged in the book and stationery business, and has devoted his time exclusively to literary work. For a number of years he was employed in the book stores of Taylor Brothers and of F. M. Merrill, and in 1891 he purchased the Old Franklin book store, formerly kept by F. P. Coggeshall, where he has been for several years.

The Franklin book store has quite a unique history. It is the oldest stationery emporium in Lowell, and for years it has been one of the landmarks of our city. For over half a century the literary population of our town have flocked to this old stand, there to imbibe the latest productions of poet, philosopher, sage and humorist.

After acquiring possession of this ancient establishment, Mr. Lawler immediately set out upon a thorough plan of renovation. The old stock was quickly disposed of, to give place to a complete series of books and stationery that was

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LOWELL, Dec. 16, 1897.
NOTICE is hereby given that Matthew Guilfoyle is no longer in my employ and has no right to collect any money due to me from any of my customers and that all persons are forbidden to pay him any money on my account. John J. Gardner, Prop. Union Tea Co., cor. Central and Charles street.

BEST BOOKS TO READ.

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never before equalled in this city. The young man has been untiring in his efforts to secure the best that could be procured, and as a result he has for his reward the thorough equipment of one of the largest and most reliable stores in New England. All the literary gems of foreign and domestic publication can be found here. Historical books of poetry and song, text books of every description, philosophical works, books of fiction and humor, religious books, books on political economy and social science—all occupy the shelves of this great emporium of knowledge. In a word, one can find at Lawler's store all the standard classical works of English and American literature, together with a complete line of books of every nature for young and old, for rich and poor, and for all classes of society.

Thomas H. Lawler, or Tom, as he is familiarly called, is no stranger to our readers. Every day his smiling face can be seen on our streets. His genial disposition and natural wit, together with a thorough knowledge of his immense library make him a popular favorite. He is well known in the various circles of society. He is a member of the Vesper-Country club, of the Highland club, and of the Foresters of America. At present he is a grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and for several years he has been a director of the Philharmonic society. In politics he has never taken an active part, always declining to accept any political office.

The Sun reporter visited Mr. Lawler for the purpose of ascertaining his views as to the best books for aiding a young man in attaining success. Without a moment's hesitation Mr. Lawler answered: "I recommend Marden's 'Pushing to the Front,' as the best book printed in any language for young men who desire to rise in the world. It is a whole education in itself. It is a condensation of the experience of the most successful men, most of whom arose from absolute poverty, overcoming obstacles which to the timid and unpersevering, would seem insuperable. By all means I would put this book first and foremost for young men."

Next comes "Self Help" by Samuel Smiles of England. It is a very able work on the same plan, but it is not the equal of Marden's in matter or in style, in the advice given or the experience cited.

"Besides, Marden's book has the advantage of being American and of treating mostly of Americans who attained success by patient industry, indomitable courage, by their tact, their push and their adherence to upright principles.

"There is another admirable little book which, however, is hard to find on this side of the Atlantic, but it is a treasure for young men of a literary turn—I refer to 'Self Culture,' by Professor Blackie, of Glasgow, Scotland. The chief merit of these books consists in showing young men how to make the best use of their talents in the attainment of success, but the chief trouble with the young men seems to be that they read such books, admire them, tell their friends about them and deliberately ignore the advice given.

"Pardon me," said Mr. Lawler, "I had almost insulted the memory of one of our own greatest writers on this subject, one whose works are most helpful to young men—Benjamin Franklin. If a young man wants to secure a condensation of solid common sense, let him study Franklin's sententious sayings. They are unexcelled, but they are not so practical as the counsel given in Marden's admirable work."

KIAO CHAU AND HAWAII.

Bearing of Coming Events In China on Our Own Annexation Question.

Hawaii has acquired an importance to the United States within the past few weeks that it never had before, and this importance is daily growing. The seizure by Germany of the Chinese port of Kiao Chau is the latest warning of the changed conditions in the Pacific. Formerly we had little occasion for anxiety in that quarter. There were no great naval forces there, and the whole region was neglected by the maritime powers. Now it is evident that the struggle for power on the Pacific is to be as bitter as on the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Germany having seized Kiao Chau, it becomes necessary to "restore the equilibrium," as the highwayman of diplomacy delicately put it, by distributing plunder all round. England is expected to enlarge her possessions at Hongkong and to seize the great harbor of Port Hamilton. Russia, by virtue of an agreement with Korea, will doubtless take possession of Port Lazareff, which will give her a convenient terminus for her Transsiberian railroad and a magnificent harbor, open all the year. France and Japan will certainly not be backward about claiming their shares of the "equilibrium."

The meaning of all this is that our Pacific coast states, instead of being sheltered by the breadth of a continent from the stress of modern international activities, are now about to meet the most energetic nations of the world face to face. Every great naval power is trying to secure a base of operations in the Pacific. Each of them will maintain a strong fleet there. Japan alone in a few years will have a force in those waters almost equal to the entire navy of the United States.

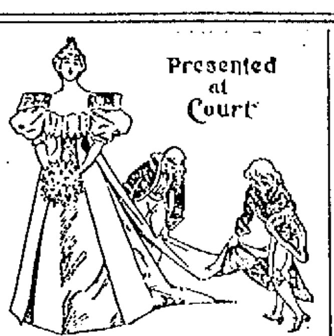
In such circumstances it is only common prudence for us to look to our defenses. We have no desire to follow the land grabbing powers of Europe around the world, sharing their spoil in their company, but when there is an outpost from which an enemy could threaten our whole western coast line it would be folly on our part to fail to make it secure. Hawaii is the center of a circle of which the shores of California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska form an arc. It is within easy striking distance of every American Pacific port. With it in our possession an enemy in that part of the world would be powerless against us. The acquisition of Hawaii is an imperative patriotic duty.—New York Journal.

TOWED BY SHARKS.

Narrow Escape of Two Florida Fishermen From Horrible Deaths.

While Will Thompson and Henry Jones of Point Tampa, Fla., were out on the lighthouse flats harpooning sharks the other day the sharks turned the tables on them, and it was soon a case of sharks hunting the men. At high tide the flats, which are covered with 7 or 8 feet of water, are a resort for innumerable sharks. The two young men had harpooned four large ones, which they had anchored to stakes, when they espied a still larger one. Will threw the grains, which caught the big fellow back of the shoulder. He started off with lightning speed towing the boat.

After ten minutes of this the shark slowed up and Jones threw another harpoon, intending to strike him, but it missed its aim and struck another big shark that was passing by. Instantly there was wild commotion. The two sharks started off at different angles and when the ropes tightened there was a tug of war. The ropes were fastened on each side of the boat to spring thwarts and the strain was so sudden and great that the little boat was fairly drawn in two, half going with each shark. The men were thrown into the water. Instinctively they grasped the sides of the boat and they were drawn through the water with marvelous speed, going so fast that they did not sink, although they were almost half drowned by the waves. A half dozen other sharks started for them. The men shouted to some other fishermen, who were near in another sloop, and they sailed to their rescue. The wind was freshening and the sloop managed to overhaul them, after ten minutes' chase, and by skillful sailing got in between the two, and dashing first to one side and then another the men were picked up in safety, but terribly used up.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



A young woman about to be presented at court receives the fullest instructions as to her behavior. She is told how to dress; how to manage her train; how to courtesy correctly. Every incident is carefully rehearsed so that she may commit no blunder in the presence of royalty. If all this trouble is worth while for the satisfaction of one brief moment, how infinitely more important it is that a young girl about to enter into the sacred precincts of womanhood, should be properly instructed in all that concerns a life-time of possible happiness, or possible misery.

Every mother ought to see to it that her daughters are healthy and strong in a womanly way. She ought to make them aware that any neglect or irregularity of the special functions of womanhood may result in life-long weakness and disease.

Any mother or daughter may write concerning these delicate ailments, with the utmost confidence to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. Her letter will be answered free of charge with suggestions for self-treatment at home, by which these complaints may be overcome without need of mortifying examinations.

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PRES. ANDREWS

Stirs up the Members of the G. A. R.

BECAUSE OF HIS SPEECH IN CHICAGO.

In Which He Praised Gen. Lee.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.—President E. Benjamin Andrews of Brown University whose freedom of utterance on the money question led to a bitter contest between him and the trustees of the university last spring, is again in controversy. This time it is with the G.A.R., and the churchly admirers of the Armenian both of which bodies declare that has been unjust and unwise.

Last week Dr. Andrews went to Chicago to lecture on the "Generals of the Confederacy," and in the course of his remarks he praised General Robert T. Lee at the expense of some of the General's union adversaries. This fact was learned of in Providence before the doctor arrived and the result was criticism from his former companions in arms, for the doctor lost an eye during the late unpleasantness.

Whenever the ex-union soldiers have come together since the address was delivered, the veterans have taken advantage of the opportunity to challenge Dr. Andrew's statements. Finally from Boston resolutions have come that seem to voice the sentiment of the Grand Army. These resolutions declare:

"That it is the duty of all friends of the Union soldier to set the seal of condemnation against such utterances as those emanating from alleged public teachers, and we, as soldiers of the Union army, ask the loyal public of the country to frown upon all such disloyal speeches and the speakers.

Similar resolutions are to be passed by Grand Army organizations in this state and it is probable that President Andrews has not heard the last of his Chicago speech, especially as he sticks by his Chicago utterance.

The second instance in which Dr. Andrews has sown the seeds of trouble for himself this week was in the statement that the Turks are a "nobler and more moral race than the Armenians." This has aroused the indignation of Christian people in all parts of the country, and local papers have helped spread the feeling by a charge that Dr. Andrew's personal acquaintance with the Turks was limited to a thirty-six hours' visit to Constantinople.

The result is that many who sympathized with Dr. Andrews in his former trouble have been among the first to condemn his latest utterances.

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GREAT BRITAIN

Said to be Working in Harmony With Japan.

THE LONDON NEWSPAPERS DISTURBED OVER SITUATION.

What Will Great Britain Get?

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Edappne a week ago, when in spite of the protests of the Chinese the Edappne entered the inner harbor. The British far eastern squadron is shortly expected at Port Arthur. The Gazette regards the occupation of Port Arthur as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in eastern Asia. The report here is that the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei Hai Wei this winter. If this is true, it indicates that Great Britain is working in harmony with Japan. London evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation and all want to know what Great Britain is to get in this great game of grab.

The Globe says that Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with crumbs from St. Petersburg and Berlin tables.

STRIKERS FIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A collision occurred between the strikers of the foundry in Colonol and the men who took their places. Three strikers went to the house of Joseph Rohler and demanded that he come out. They attempted to break down the door, when shots were fired and Mrs. Rohler was struck in the neck. She will die.

LIFEBOAT SWAMPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lubec, Me., Dec. 20.—Great anxiety is felt here over the failure of the captain and six men, composing crew of the lifeboat which left here yesterday to go to the relief of an unknown schooner driven to sea yesterday, with a flag of distress flying. A fierce gale is raging and it is feared the boat was swamped.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Dec. 20.—Prince Henry of Prussia slept at Osborne, after visiting the Queen last night and returned to the German cruiser this morning. The Prince will resume his journey to China tomorrow.

WILFUL MURDER.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

London, Dec. 20.—At the inquest today over the remains of the late Actor William Terriss, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of wilful murder.

ESTERHAZY INQUIRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Paris, Dec. 20.—It is understood that a preliminary inquiry into the charges made against Major Count Walsin Esterhazy has resulted in his committal for trial by court martial.

A MAD RUNAWAY.

GROCER WOLCOTT OF BRANCH STREET INJURED.

A horse belonging to Wolcott, the grocer, on Branch street, upset the wagon to which it was attached, his forenoon in front of J. C. Glidden's residence on Middlesex street by a short turn of a car track. Freeing itself from the wagon by a sudden plunge it ran down Glidden avenue along Marginal street to Stevens street, up Stevens street as far as Nos. 9 and 11, turned into the field around the house back to Stevens street, across to Mr. Farrington's yard, back along Stevens and Marginal street and Glidden avenue at amazing speed. On Glidden avenue the animal was caught, badly bruised and scratched by dashing against fences, houses and kicking the wagon. Mr. Wolcott was kicked on the leg by the animal and badly lamed. The carriage and harness were wrecked being all in pieces. A load of groceries was scattered on the street.

WEFERS TWICE DEFEATED.

B. J. Wefers at the Madison Square Garden meet on Saturday night was twice defeated by J. H. Rush the Chicago sprinter.

Summary—Forty-yard handicap final heat, dead heat between B. J. Wefers N. Y. A. C. scratch, J. H. Rush of Princeton, scratch, Edward Zinn, N. W. S. A. C., four feet, third. Time, 5s.

In the run-off, J. H. Rush, Princeton, won. Time, 4 4-5s.

228-yard dash, special, won by J. H. Rush, Princeton; B. J. Wefers, N. Y. A. C., second. Time 21 4-5s.

SMASHED THE WINDOWS.

A portion of the copper gutter which hung from the eaves of Huntington hall was torn loose by the wind yesterday and crashed through a skylight and window of W. A. Mack's establishment on Shattuck street. There is still a large piece swinging dangerously.

THE BRAM CASE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The supreme court today directed the immediate issuance of its mandate to the lower court in the case of Thomas M. Bram, convicted of murder and awarded a new trial. The mandate is usually issued only after thirty days, but the court acted specially in this case on the request of the solicitor general who desired the mandate to go down at once because several of the crew of the vessel on which the murder occurred are in jail as witnesses and are wanted at the next trial.

PUPILS DISMISSED

CARTER STREET SCHOOL TOO COLD FOR THEM.

The pupils in the Carter street school were dismissed this morning owing to the lack of heat in the building. The system of heating is that of H. H. Wilder & Co., and it doesn't seem to heat.

SAVAGE ASSAULT.

Lawrence, Dec. 20.—John Lawler spent the night in the police station as the result of his savage assault upon his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Lizzie McCarthy.

Lawler, it appears, imbibed freely of the ardent and returned to his home, 241 Oak street, yesterday afternoon in an ugly mood, after which the assault took place.

Last evening Patrolmen Mahoney and Flynn arrested the assailant and he will be arraigned in the police court this morning.

THROWN FROM A CAR.

Frank H. Furlong, the well known railway postal clerk at Lawrence, was thrown from an electric car in that city Saturday evening and was badly injured. He is a cousin of James, William and Peter Furlong and of Andrew L. Pendergast of this city.

RAID AT RIVERSIDE PARK.

Chief of Police McCann of Tewksbury and Officer Bumps raided the house of Zepherine Perusse at Riverside Park Saturday and took away a quantity of whiskey.

TO RULE POLICE

There are Several Candidates for the Commission.

MAYOR-ELECT BENNETT HAS MATERIAL ENOUGH.

The Trouble is Making the Selection.

Mayor-Elect Bennett and City Messenger Going will have a talk today on matters pertaining to the arrangements or inaugural ceremonies.

It is said that the exercises will differ somewhat from those of former years. Colonel Bennett will not go to the trouble of compiling a lot of statistics, or of writing a long inaugural and nobody will criticize him on this score.

Talk of the appointment of a license commissioner continues to be paramount to all questions concerning the incoming government.

Mr. Rice's friends propose to make a strong fight for his re-appointment, and will base his claims for recognition on the work performed by the Courier-Citizen during the campaign. To offset this comes C. L. McCleery of the Mail, backed by the great campaign lying of the Mail, of which he is business manager.

Ed. Conant is regarded as having a strong chance of getting the appointment while many look to A. G. Thompson as a winner. Mr. Thompson handled Colonel Bennett's campaign at the headquarters and worked hard for victory.

It is stated that John Wilson would not refuse the place, and there are other eligibles, including E. S. Foss, for whom the place was originally intended when the commission was created.

WIER SUICIDED.

New York, Dec. 20.—Frederick L. Wier, 41 years old, whose home was in Chelsea, Mass., committed suicide some time last night by cutting his throat with a razor in the Hotel Manhattan, where he was temporarily staying. Life was extinct when the fact of the suicide became known.

NATIONAL GUARD

Placed Under the Ban by Trades Unionists.

LABOR MEN REQUESTED TO LEAVE MILITIA.

Action Taken by Federation of Labor.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Trades Unionists have been requested by the Chicago Federation of Labor to leave the National Guard at once. This was the unanimous decision reached by the delegates at the meeting yesterday. It was said that the union men could not consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to shoot down their fellow trades unionists on a strike for the betterment of their economic condition.

END OF A "MIRACLE."

The Vision In a Church Window at Canton, Minn., Explained.

Four years ago there appeared in the various papers of America long accounts of the figure of the Virgin Mary appearing on a window in a little Catholic church at the village of Canton, Minn., about 40 miles from St. Paul.

A short time ago a newspaper man who was working in St. Paul at the time the picture appeared on the church window at Canton succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, and with him passed away the mystery surrounding the affair. He was the originator of the hoax—for it was nothing but a hoax—and had sent out the story on a dull Sunday night as a fake, believing that the whole matter would end with printing the yarn.

Among the papers to which the story was sent was the New York Herald, which promptly wired the correspondent to proceed at once to Canton and get up a five column story, accompanied by pictures, affidavits, etc. Here was a pretty mess, but the correspondent was equal to the emergency. He went to Canton, took into his confidence the local photographer and had photographed on a pane of glass the figure he had described.

This pane was placed in the church window, taking the place of the original glass, on which there was no figure whatever. The work was done at night, so that next morning, when the townspeople heard of the miracle "in their midst" and hurried to the church, they found everything all regular.

This time he had a picture of the Virgin Mary with the infant Jesus in her arms. Again did the press of the country take up the story, and again did the correspondent get many checks of large denominations for his reports of the miracle. The people of Canton were all puffed up with pride over the attention their town was attracting, and daily the little church was visited by curious crowds from outside, all anxious to see the picture.

At last the bishop of the diocese took a hand in the case and ordered every window in the church removed and new ones put in. This ended the "miracle," for the correspondent was afraid to try the game again, and from that day to this Canton has not been heard from.—Chicago Chronicle.

Rubber Tube Instead of Switch.

At the regular meeting of the Principals' Round Table at Horseheads, N. Y., recently the question of corporal punishment was taken up. After considerable discussion the principals practically agreed that if whipping had to be done the best thing to do it with was a rubber tube. This would inflict a sufficient amount of punishment and was not in any way dangerous to the child and was not likely to disable him or make the effects of the punishment felt outside the schoolroom.—Elmira Advertiser.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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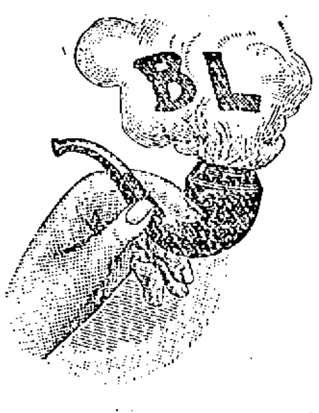

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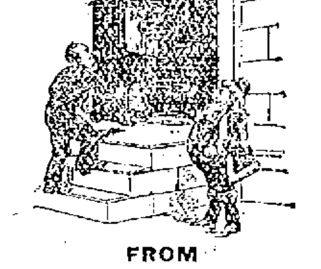

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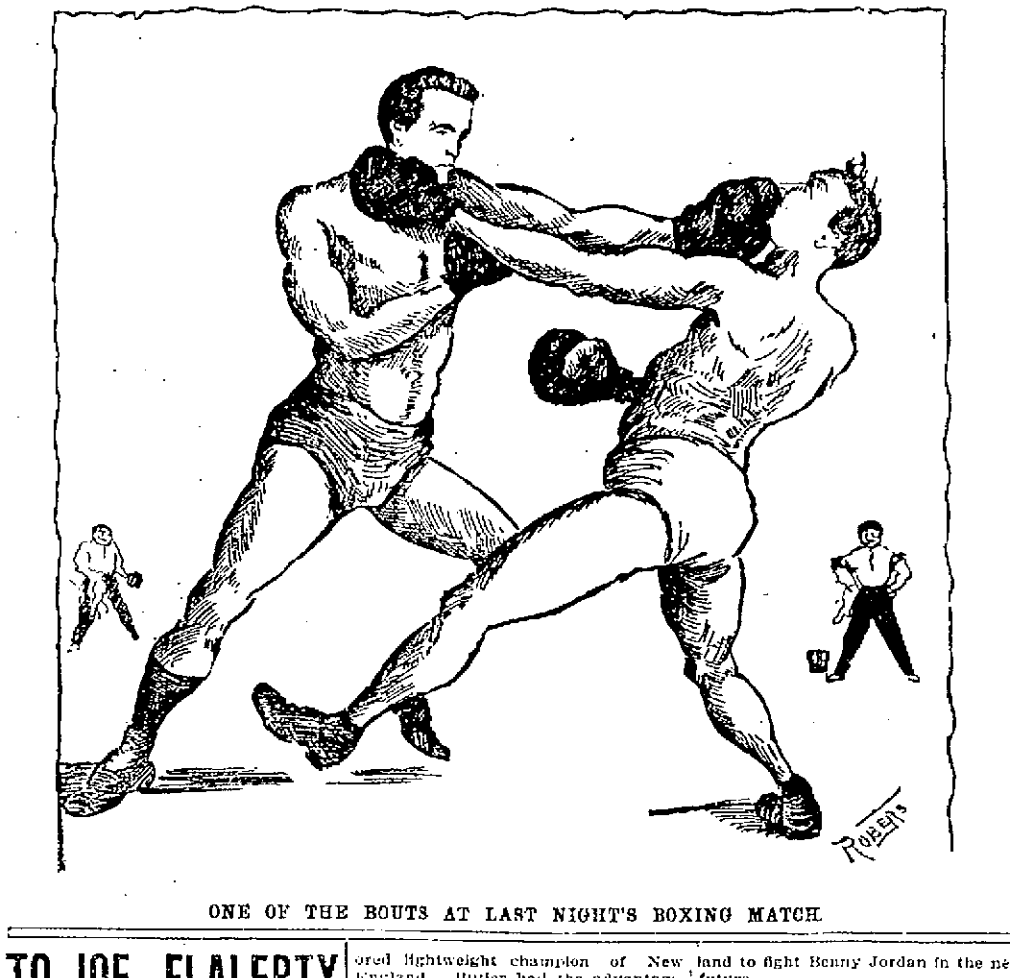

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The first was between Mike Scanlan and Jimmie Cameron of Lynn. It was followed by a go between Steve Anderson of Lynn and John Butler, the colored lightweight champion of New England. Butler had the advantage.

Then two local novices, Humphries and Roddy, went up against each other. Neither had any science, but both were game and caused great amusement. Both were out to trim each other, and despite the warnings of the referee, hammered away at each other, in clinches and out of them.

The Robinson brothers of Lawrence, who are two very clever boxers, next went their rounds, their trick acts making a hit.

John Morriss of New Bedford gave a clever exhibition of club swinging, and then Tim Keefe and John Rushforth of Lawrence put them on. They went at it for keeps and nearly had a knockout.

Moriarty and Maguire, two Lowell Swedes, had a three-round clinching match. Young Brady, the well known athlete and champion 70-pound boxer, was to have put them on, but they were afraid that Brady might hurt someone and he was not put on.

One of the best bouts of the evening was a three-round go between Martin Flaherty and his old-time rival, Patsy Hennessey of Lawrence, who went at it scientifically to the delight of the crowd. It was announced during this bout that Martin is going over to England to fight Benny Jordan in the near future.

Jack Sullivan and Louis Manville gave the most amusing exhibition of the evening, and good bouts were furnished by Fallon and Robinson of Lawrence and Chisholm and McCarthy of Lowell. The bouts were interspersed with songs by Andrew Burns, clog dancing by Ayotte and King, and songs by James Maguire.

The final bout of the evening was a very entertaining three-round bout between Martin Flaherty and Luke Burke, who is open to fight any 118-pound man in the world. They boxed excellently.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNCILMEN

WILL VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS FOR PRESIDENT AND CLERK.

The nine democratic members of the incoming Common Council will undoubtedly stand together in their choice of candidates for the different municipal offices.

The sentiment now is to have a caucus of the democratic members and to elect one of the number as a candidate for president. Then they will select a candidate for clerk, who will be a democrat.

If the republicans have any fighting over a choice of candidates for these positions, the democrats propose to let them have it out. The democrats see no advantage in voting for a republican. Committee appointments are no longer considered of any service to a member of the Council, and as there is nothing to be gained, it is the proper policy to vote for democrats.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Mr. Joseph P. Dwyer, the well-known violinist, will be pleased to know that he has been appointed a teacher in one of the preparatory classes at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, while at the same time pursuing his studies on the violin.

The condition of Mrs. A. N. Hobbs of High street, who has been ill for some time past remains about the same.

DIVISION 2, A. O. H.

The last meeting of Division 2, A.O.H., for the year 1897, was held last evening in the hall in Howe block. There was a large attendance. The division was never more prosperous, both numerically and financially. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, M. T. McMahon; vice president, Joseph H. Dallagher; recording secretary, Daniel F. Lynch; financial secretary, John J. Lynch; treasurer, M. W. Spillane; physician, Dr. L. J. McDonough; sick committee, Patrick Considine, Jeremiah Hurley, and Patrick Connors; standing committee, Bernard Campion, M. J Gallagher, John B. Clancy, Patrick O'Loughlin, and Timothy Lynch; finance committee, Dennis F. Lynch and James D. Breen; doorkeeper, Daniel J. Murphy; spiritual director, Rev. W. D. Joyce, O.M.I.

EX-MAYOR PEABODY'S BIRTHDAY

Ex-Mayor Josiah G. Peabody yesterday observed his 89th birthday at his home on Wilder street.

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A CUT IN SALARY

Attempt to Reduce Pastor Denney's Wages to $1000

DEFEATED AT THE MT. VERNON CHURCH MEETING.

The Reports of Officers Received.

The opposing factions were in evidence at the Mt. Vernon Free Baptist church last night, when the annual meeting of the society was held.

Perley T. Barker called to order and Mr. Pratt was chosen treasurer.

The reports of the treasurer, collector and auditing committee were read and after some sharp discussion ultimately accepted and adopted. The treasurer's report showed the church to be $900 in debt, but it is understood that there was some money in the hands of the chairman of the committee of the late church fair, who was not present, that would reduce the debt to about $200.

Balloting for officers was next in order and the chair appointed Mr. Thissell, Mr. Coram, who had entered since the meeting was called to order, and Dr. J. V. Pepin, to prepare and count the ballots.

Mr. Thissell read a list of candidates from a printed ballot, which he said had been prepared to expedite matters. This brought out an animated discussion, during which Mr. Amy read an opposing list of nominees.

Mr. Amy's ticket had at the head the name of Mr. W. O. Coram, as moderator for the year, and as the printed ballot contained no candidate for the moderator, it was moved by Mr. Thissell that the clerk be authorized to cast one ballot for Mr. Coram for moderator. It was so voted.

Of the 81 ballots cast, the list of candidates read by Mr. Thissell, received 48 votes. The officers are as follows:

For moderator, W. O. Coram; standing committee, Amasa Pratt, J. A. Coram, E. A. Thissell, George L. Huntoon, Charles Priestly; clerk, Frank Wilbur Stevens; collector, Fred J. Williams; treasurer, Warren T. Griffin, auditors, J. V. Pepin, Amos W. Cogswell.

Mr. A. L. Abbott said that the church was in debt; the members had had to work on short time, and live on half pay and in order to make the thing right, he moved to reduce the pastor's salary from $1500 to $1000 a year.

Mr. Thissell wanted action delayed.

Mr. W. H. Kimball thought that $1500 was quite a tax on a little church of less than 200 members. Furthermore, at the time the salary was raised there were only fifteen present, and the vote stood 8 to 7.

The motion was finally dropped.

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OLD POST OFFICE.

POLICE COURT.

Six drunks.

Jeremiah Sheehan received six months at the state farm and Edward Warsnops took a similar sentence.

John H. Powers goes to jail for a term of four months.

Peter Kelly against whom there were two charges of larceny, was found guilty on both, and was sentenced to three months in jail on each.

Amray Peros was in for drunkenness and larceny.

COON HOLLOW.

The Cincinnati Enquirer said of "A Romance of Coon Hollow": "If a thing of beauty is a joy forever, then Coon Hollow must be just lovely, as it is nightly delighting splendid houses. The scene showing the band of colored boys and girls in songs and dances fairly brings down the house. It differs from the Pickaninny Band in 'In Old Kentucky and The Rising Sun Roarers in 'Blue Jeans,' and is fully the equal of either. Better than this, the play has an interesting and consistent plot, with excellent comedy and the strongly drawn characters have a splendid company to interpret them."

This will be the attraction at Music Hall for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with a special matinee Christmas.

CASTORIA.

The facsimile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

The work of laying tracks for the electric cars from Rogers street to Tewksbury Centre was begun yesterday morning.

Principal Cyrus A. Durgin of the Bartlett school was elected to membership in the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' club at the December meeting, held at the Brunswick, Boston, Saturday.

SCEPTICS TURN BELIEVERS AND ARE CURED.—"When I read that Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder could relieve catarrh in 10 minutes, I was far from being convinced. I tried it—a single puff through the blower afforded instant relief, stopped pain over the eyes, and cleansed the nasal passages. Today I am free from catarrh." B. L. Eagan's (Easton, Pa.) experience has been that of thousands of others and may be yours.—10.

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A Ship's Bottom Covered with Barnacles.

As a ship's bottom becomes covered with barnacles after long voyages, that impede its progress, so the inner lining of the stomach becomes changed, unnatural and its action after years of abuse obstructed. The recent discovery of a process for "scrubbing" out the stomach and releasing from the delicate inner tissues accumulations that nature has been unable to repel, is only another endorsement of the celebrated Carlsbad Sprudel Salt, now sold in every drug store of the land. This salt dissolves the mucous coatings, restores to action the full functions of the greatest organ of the body, brings back to full force the digestive powers and, of course, imparts to the whole body through nerves and veins renewed life. Physicians recommend a trip to Carlsbad after fruitless efforts to cure. Why not try Carlsbad Sprudel Salt, an agreeable and cheap aid to nature's great machinery.—From the *Troy Press*.

Notice of appointment of Assignee and second meeting of creditors.

COURT OF INSOLVENCY.

In the case of James S. and James E. Greeley, both of Lowell, in said county, co-partners doing business in said Lowell, under the firm name of Greeley & Son. Notice is hereby given that I have been chosen assignee of the above entitled insolvent estate, and the second meeting of the creditors of said insolvent debtors will be held at the Court of Insolvency at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place creditors can be present and prove their claims.

—Charles T. Rowland, Assignee.

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For holiday shopping the Lowell merchants have a sufficient variety to suit everybody. A present purchased elsewhere will not be so acceptable as one coming from our own stores.

The amount of money paid out for fire losses in this city last year is quite alarming. If the insurance companies would insist that the city appoint an inspector of wires, the loss by fire would be greatly reduced in consequence.

The Mail stands convicted of having published the only roorback of the campaign, in saying that an out-of-town brewer sent $3500 to a prominent liquor dealer to help the democrats in carrying the city. It is unable to give an iota of proof in substantiation of that story. It was manufactured in the Mail office by the mendacious editor of the most unprincipled and lying paper in New England.

The police commission of Lynn has withdrawn liquor licenses from ten hotels for violation of the law. The commission is simultaneously praised and blamed for doing its duty, and Lynn is meanwhile terribly agitated over this sensation and the almost daily hold-ups on the public streets. If the police commission would only make a move towards preventing highway robbery and hold-ups in broad daylight, it might accomplish more good than by closing the hotels.

Senator Chandler warns the republican party against the suicidal policy of opening the financial question at the present juncture. If the administration contemplated a fair settlement of the question, Mr. Chandler would not come out with any such warning. He knows that Gage, Hanna, and Morgan will work hand in hand in the effort to turn the currency of the country into the hands of the bankers and this would kill any party, however strong. Mr. Chandler is a thorough believer in bimetallism and cannot consistently support the administration in rehabilitating the gold standard.

Jordan & Marsh of Boston have inaugurated a method of profit sharing with their employes which promises good results for both. The employes of the firm are to receive one per cent. of all sales in addition to their regular salary. This will be an incentive to make as many sales as possible, and will undoubtedly bring larger returns to the house. It is an example that might well be followed by every department store throughout the country. Jordan & Marsh are to be congratulated upon taking the lead in this new movement. When the time arrives that will give the employe a personal interest in the work of his employer, then labor troubles will disappear.

Miss Maud Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc, must have felt grateful for her brilliant reception in Boston on Sunday evening. But she probably did not realize the real significance of that large gathering. There were present at that meeting three mayoralty candidates and their chief supporters—Mayor Quincy, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Curtis, besides Hon. P. A. Collins, who presided and made a glowing speech. The audience was made up of the supporters of the three candidates, with the admirers of Miss Gonne. It was as much of a political meeting, however, as it was in the interests of Ireland; but Mayor Quincy very wisely refused to speak. Had he consented to speak, there would have been an uproar that he did so to catch votes, while those who are opposed to the Irish movement would probably use the incident to accomplish his defeat.

It is amusing to find in how many ways the pulpit is prostituted to partisan politics. In Boston, on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Brady preached upon the municipal contest, criticizing Mayor Quincy rather severely, though pretending to be entirely fair. Another preacher attacked Mayor Quincy for his cordial reception to John Daly, recently released from a British prison and now lecturing through this country. The preacher held that Daly is a felon and that it was a gross insult to the citizens of Boston for Mayor Quincy to extend to him the freedom of the city. Mr. Daly had been a political prisoner, but was never convicted of any crime, and when the preacher says he is a felon, he is about as near the truth as the average sensational preacher usually gets.

THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

It seems very strange that our New England mills should so soon succumb to the effect of Southern competition. If the Southern mills have the advantage of cheap labor and long hours, they have the disadvantage of unskilled labor. Does anybody suppose that the operatives in the South will do as much in eleven hours as our operatives do in nine hours. Our machinery is high speeded; theirs is not; our operatives are experts, their are not; we have bleacheries under experienced workmen, they have not; we are near the market, they are not; we have textile schools, they have not; we turn out fine grades of goods, they do not; and yet in spite of all these advantages we are told that New England mills are suffering from the effect of Southern competition. Verily, it is passing strange. It is a mystery yet unsealed.

There is a rumor that the officials of the American Federation of Labor are in disagreement over the election of officers. The Federation has no time to spend in wrangling upon such questions. There is too much work awaiting its attention in the southern states to permit of any bickerings of this kind. The prompt action of the American Federation of Labor in organizing the southern mill operatives may be instrumental in keeping the New England mills at work. The operatives in New England expect the Federation to act promptly and show the country that it is equal to the emergency which now demands prompt action.

The Boston Central Labor Union has censured one of its members for coming out publicly in favor of one of the candidates for mayor. The labor unions will serve their own interests best by keeping out of politics, or at least by being independent, so as at all times to be free to support their friends.

It looks as if the public would be subjected to another year's agony preliminary to the meeting of Corbett and Fitz in the ring. It will take at least a year to bring about an agreement between them. If we are to judge from precedents.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Hartford Courant—Unhappily, the most dangerous aliens who come to this country are neither illiterates or paupers. The education of some of them has gone a long way beyond mere reading and writing. They have money enough in their pockets to pass the inspectors. They have also wild revolutionary ideas in their heads a rooted hatred of all law and order in their hearts.

Philadelphia Press—The news that the women in Chambersburg tore feathers from their hats under the stir of fanatical emotions suggests a way out of the theatre difficulty. If the evangelist who has such a horror of feathers will only conduct a crusade in the city, the managers and portion of the audience that eschews big hats or does not wear them, will call him blessed.

Haverhill American—The assault on the civil service law comes from the enraged republican looters who can't get all they have promised to the men who pulled for them in the campaign. It matters nothing to this class that their party platform pledged them to defend and perfect the law. Their appetite for pelf outweighs all considerations of faithfulness to party pronouncements or the good of the public.

Boston Post—The trend of things, as everyone must recognize, is Quincy wards. There has been a steadily rising tide of sentiment favoring Mr. Quincy's re-election which cannot have escaped the notice of intelligent observers in touch with popular opinion. The admirable speech of General Collins has had its effect in arousing the doubtful democrats to a sense of duty to the nominee of their party, and on the other hand the supporters of Mr. Curtis have offered nothing to convince the independent voters of the superior merits of their candidate.

Chicago Times-Herald—British statesmen are now airing their views in the press concerning "Hayti and the Monroe doctrine." They gravely discuss the recent Lueders incident as if it had some direct bearing upon the Monroe doctrine and several Transatlantic journals gleefully assert that the Haytian episode has practically demonstrated that it is now inoperative. By no possible stretch of the imagination can the general proposition advanced by President Monroe concerning European colonization of American territory be made to apply to the recent trouble between Germany and the black republic.

Philadelphia Record—A further proof of the rapidly advancing civilization of the Japanese is the increased demand for paper. The consumption of paper is a measure of progress. Savages have little use for it, but it is one of the necessities of human advancement. The paper for the Japanese trade should be made in the North Pacific states, where there is an abundant water power and raw material of manufacture. The fir tree of the Pacific slope, unlike its resinous congeners on the Atlantic side of the continent has a most tractable and excellent pulp for paper making.

Washington Post—We have been surprised at the heartlessness of two or three newspapers that have protested against any action by the Government for the succor of "the Klondike fools." How many thousands of dollars has our government expended in efforts to rescue arctic explorers? Almost every civilized nation on the globe has fitted out expeditions to go in search of men who started to find the North Pole. If these miners at Dawson City are "fools" and for that reason ought to be left to die what name should be applied to men who push into the Yukon region in defiance of danger? The "Klondike fools" knew that there was gold on the Yukon, and they went for it, making the sad mistake of going at the wrong time. Their object was a good one, for gold would help them and their families and incidentally, the public. But what benefit would it be to any man or his family or his fellowmen if he could penetrate the polar ice to the farthest north? And yet the world admires the courage and fortitude displayed in the useless quest for the North pole, and no nation fails to send a relief expedition when an explorer fails to show up.

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THE ARENA OF POLITICS

WORK FOR DEMOCRATS.

Republicans Should Be Forced to Show Their Hands.

PLATFORM PLEDGES TO BE EVADED

Greenback Retirement Will Have Little Support Unless Pushed by the Money Power—Democrats in a Position to Strengthen the Party.

The Republican congress met under somewhat different auspices from those promised by the prophets of the party 12 months ago. The declaration was fully made then that by the time congress met in regular session the people would be enjoying a high tide of prosperity, with all the more serious problems settled by the course the Republicans would be able to give to events.

As a matter of fact the government is in a worse condition financially than it was 12 months ago, and this in spite of the fact that the Republican party has met in extra session and passed a tariff law which was intended to produce a surplus of revenue instead of a deficit, and which, Mr. McKinley declared, would open the mills to labor and raise prices and wages.

More than that, the Republican congressmen meet in no humor to carry out the pledges they made during the campaign. They shake their heads when the subject of currency reform is mentioned and smile dubiously over the Cuban problem, which touches the sympathies and interests of our whole people, with the exception of a few Tories.

So far as currency reform is concerned, it is practically settled that what is to be undertaken is to be in the nature of a sham reform. The president's message means that. Even Mr. Reed, powerful as he is in suppressing the will of Republican congressmen, will be unable to force a bill retiring the greenbacks through the house. Instead of attempting the impossible, the leaders are already saying that the senate cannot be prevailed on to accept any real measure of reform.

But this is simply an excuse for not carrying out their pledges. The senate will accept any real reform, but it will not accept any measure calculated to contract the currency, nor will the Democrats and those who act with them repudiate the Chicago platform by supporting propositions intended to evade or deceive.

There are numbers of western Republican congressmen who may be depended on to oppose greenback retirement in any shape as stoutly as the Democrats will. Nobody knows this better than the Republican leaders, and the result will be an attempt on their part to evade the whole question of currency reform on the line indicated by the president.

There is only one emergency that will bring the party leaders up to the point of committing themselves in a formal way to greenback retirement. As that emergency can be very easily created by the money power it may be used to spur the Republicans on. We refer to a probable raid on the treasury by the "international" syndicates. Circumstances have not as yet made such drastic performance either desirable or necessary, but if the money power thinks it can dragoon the Republicans into pushing forward the legislation it is scheming for the export of gold will begin whether the course of exchange makes it profitable or unprofitable.

A repetition of the tactics of the money power when the repeal of the Sherman law was up for discussion would prove very embarrassing to Mr. McKinley and very damaging to the Republican party, for it would involve the issue of a couple of hundred millions of 4 per cent bonds in time of peace. As a result of it the congressional elections next year would give the Democrats a majority in the house too large to be comfortable.

Another matter which the Republican leaders are shaking their heads over is the Cuban question. The president's message shows that the party is prepared to nullify the pledge made in its platform, and its newspaper organs are beginning to sound the praises of the Spanish decree of Cuban autonomy. The praise is faint now, but it will swell louder as the season progresses. One prominent organ declares that "the decree is by far the most generous ever promulgated by the Madrid government," and that "for once in the long history of Spanish rule in Cuba an experiment in rational government is to be tried." That "rational government" is a military dictatorship, the dictator being the governor general.

Senator Mason of Illinois having declared that his party should carry out its promises to interfere "to stop the war and give independence to Cuba," The Times-Herald of Chicago declares he is standing on a Populist platform. But the Republican platform does declare, "We believe the government of the United States should use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island." If the English language means anything, the Republicans are pledged to restore peace and give independence to Cuba. But now we see that the pledge is a fraud, for Mr. McKinley has already stated that the Spaniards should have more time to add to their crimes and butcheries in Cuba.

The Democratic policy in congress is very simple. It consists merely in forcing the Republicans to show their hands on all the issues made important in the last campaign, to drive them to the point of exposing their plans and schemes, to uncover their plan of currency reform and to compel them to declare their Cuban policy.

All the conditions are favorable to the Democrats. They are in a position where they can begin and carry on a campaign in behalf of their party that will result in a tremendous victory next year and an overwhelming one in 1900.—Atlanta Constitution.

BOXING GOSSIP.

The bouts scheduled for the remainder of the week are:

Tuesday—Joe Walcott vs. Tom Tracy, Steve Flanagan vs. Joe Sturch, and Ed Lantry vs. H. Harris, Chicago. Dick O'Brien vs. Dick Burge, 20 rounds, Olympic A. C., Birmingham, England. Mike Leonard vs. Matt Matthews, 20 rounds, Blenza A. C., Rochester. Jack Bain vs. Pat Schultz, 20 rounds, Dunkirk, N. Y., A. C.

Wednesday—Kid Lavigne vs. Young Griffo, 20 rounds; Henry Baker vs. Joe Colton, 10 rounds; Oakland, Cal. Smoke talk at Institute hall, East Cambridge.

Thursday—Steve Crosby vs. Oscar Gardner, 20 rounds, Kentucky A. C., Louisville.

If history repeats itself, Joe Walcott will carry off first honors in his battle with Tom Tracy at Chicago on Tuesday night. In each of the various bouts in which they have met up to date, the Barbadian has had the call at the finish and would have obtained the decision had one been given.

Dick O'Brien and Dick Burge are to settle their differences on Tuesday night at Birmingham, England. Burge has seldom been successful against men in weight classes above him and the chances seem to be against his success in the O'Brien fight.

Who is to meet McCoy? The question is apparently unanswerable. At present the only aspirant is Joe Choynski. Choynski is a "light" heavyweight and could easily get down to 165 or 162 pounds. A contest between these two would be worth going to see. There is some talk about each being anxious to meet the other. If they should meet, the odds will be very slightly in favor of McCoy, based upon physique and experience. McCoy could take on fifteen pounds without losing his wonderful agility.

And just here a hitherto unprinted anecdote in the life of McCoy will illustrate his confidence in his own ability. It is a fact not generally known that McCoy and Choynski gave each other a thorough testing on the stage of the Buckingham Theatre in Louisville, and the only witnesses to it were Colonel John Whallen, Bob Smith, who was then ticket man at the theatre, and one or two others whose names are not remembered. The fight occurred one afternoon about two years ago. Choynski, McCoy, Billy Murphy, Jim Franey and Charlie Burns were there with what was known as Billy Thompson's all-star aggregation of pugilists. McCoy was a welterweight at that time and he was in training for his fight with Dick Moore, which took place ten days later at the Buckingham Theatre. Choynski was also in training for his prospective fight with Joe Goddard.

On the afternoon in question, the little crowd of onlookers had watched both men punch the bag until they appeared almost exhausted. After a rest of several minutes, McCoy said to Choynski:

"Joe, let's put 'em on for a while."

"All right," replied Choynski.

Then both men donned the gloves and stood up to spar. They were in the best of humor and were good friends. As they walked up to each other, Choynski said:

"What'll it be, Kid? Spar or rough?"

"Hit any way you want to," replied "the Kid," evidently anxious for the few onlookers to believe that he could take punishment.

It is said that this fight was one of the fiercest and most stubbornly contested which ever came off in that city. The encounter lasted for at least twenty minutes. Several times during the fight, Colonel Whallen and others tried to stop it, but without success. They hit in clinches and out of clinches, and both were as bloody as "Fitz" was in that memorable sixth round at Carson City. It was plain to all that both were trying for a knock-out, but it came to neither, probably because of the quickness and cleverness of both. They fought this way until both sank down exhausted, when they were helped to their chairs. Choynski's only remark after he got his breath, was:

"I didn't think it was in the Kid."

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The feasts for the remainder of the week are

Tuesday, St. Thomas, the Apostle; Wednesday, St. Zeno, Martyr; Thursday, St. Victoria, Virgin and Martyr; Friday, St. Thrailla and St. Emililana, and the vigil of Christmas, which will be a fast day of obligation.

The festival of Christmas, the mother festival of the year, will be observed with solemnity.

Confessions will not be heard in the Catholic churches next Saturday. Those who desire to receive communion on Sunday must receive permission from their confessor on Friday.

OLD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Old Residents' Historical association will be held at Memorial hall, Tuesday, December 21, at 7.30 o'clock sharp. Three very interesting papers are to be read as follows:

"Lowell's Once Popular Weekly Newspaper—The Vox Populi, 1841-1896. Its Rise, Progress and Decline," by Z. E. Stone.

"John Eliot's Work in Wamesit," by Charles Cowley, LL.D.

"The Folks at the Neck (now Lowell) in Ye Olden Time," by H. S. Perham.

A large attendance is desired and you are permitted to invite anyone interested.

LOWELL WOMAN'S CLAIM.

The committee on claims in Haverhill met Friday evening and heard several cases, but not action was taken. The first case heard was that of Mrs. Hathaway of Lowell, who was struck by the hose during the trial at Washington square the day of the firemen's parade, Merchants' Week. A settlement was not reached.

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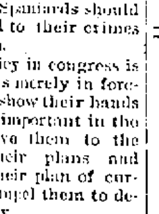

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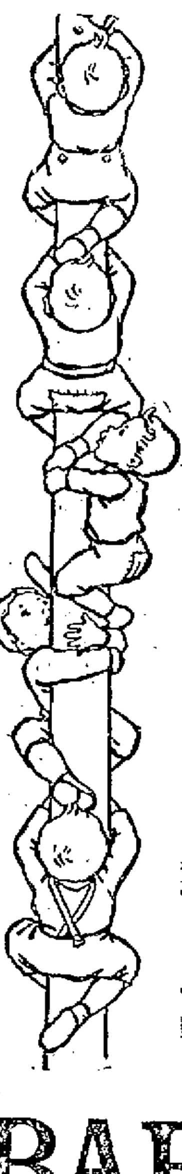

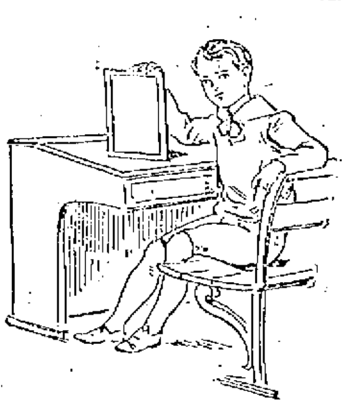

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LIVELY FIGHT AT ATHENS

Ernest of Brooklyn Defeated by a Pennsylvania Man.

Sent Tottering to the Ropes by a Blow—Final Swing on the Jaw Left the Gladiator Helpless.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Jack Bennett of McKeesport, Pa., knocked out Billy Ernst of Brooklyn in the 13th round at the room of the Olympic club at Athens, Pa., last night. The bout was scheduled for 15 rounds, and was Bennett's from start to finish. He floored Ernst in the first round and got first blood in the next. From then until the eighth Bennett did most of the leading and there was a number of rapid exchanges, in most of which Bennett had the best of it.

Ernst was tired when he came to time in the ninth round. The tenth was an easy one, but in the eleventh Bennett sent Ernst to the ropes. The Brooklyn boy rallied in the next and did some upper-cutting. In the thirteenth, Bennett landed hard on the jaw, and followed with several left swings which sent Billy tottering to the ropes, where a final swing caught him on the jaw, and he went down and out.

WHEELMEN'S PRESIDENCY.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Potter of the League of American Wheelmen has received word from the officers of western divisions stating that an attempt is being made by Sterling Elliott of Massachusetts, his former rival for the presidency, to secure Potter's defeat for re-election. Elliott has wired the western chief consuls the inquiry: "Will you stand with Pennsylvania and Massachusetts for Gideon?" This, it is claimed, indicates that Elliott has abandoned the idea of being a candidate himself.

Mr. Potter's New York friends say that they do not regard this new development seriously. They assert that they already have 75 per cent of the assembly votes secured. They also say that Gideon's candidacy is impossible because of recent action of the Pennsylvania delegation in committing the support of that state to Mr. Keehan as a Pennsylvania candidate for the first vice presidency.

FICTITIOUS REPUTATION.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—"Bill" Hefferman of Johannesburg, South Africa, who has been touted as a second Fitzsimmons, made his initial appearance in an American ring last night in what was to have been a 20-round bout with Tommy Ryan of Syracuse. Hefferman proved to be the easiest victim that Ryan has ever met. The men weighed in at 150 pounds. Hefferman was tall and lanky, with a long reach, which, however, was no obstacle to the Syracuse man, who landed when and where he pleased. Hefferman was slow and awkward, and Ryan played with him for three rounds while the crowd laughed derisively.

In the third round Hefferman was sent to the floor by a left on the chin and took the limit in getting up. He went down again a moment later from a right hander on the jaw and was counted out.

Kid McPartland was present and challenged the winner to fight at the welter-weight limit.

PETER MAHER'S CHALLENGE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Peter Maher's backers have received several replies to their challenge to fight any man in the world for the heavyweight championship. Among these was one from Billy Madden, saying he could secure a $10,090 purse for a go at Little Rock in March between Maher and Gus Ruhlin.

Norton of San Francisco notified Peter that the fight arranged for between him and Jackson was still on, and conflicting dates must not be made for other fights. Maher intends to carry out his agreement for the Jackson fight to come off in February, but is anxious to meet Ruhlin also. Arrangements are therefore being made contingent on the San Francisco battle to go after the Little Rock purse in March or thereabouts.

A BASEBALL POSSIBILITY.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—After having the eighth franchise of the Western league practically awarded to Omaha, Manager McKee notified the baseball magnates in session here that the conditions that would have to be fulfilled were too hard, and he declined the honor of managing a team in the western city. What the inward meaning of Omaha's withdrawal is was the subject of much speculation. McKee is confessedly a Spaulding man, and it was hinted, though no one would admit the truth of the rumor, that behind it lay a plan for the placing of a Western league club in Chicago with Captain Anson as manager.

SUCCUMBED TO A BLOW.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 21.—What is claimed to be the record in knockouts was made last night at the Hoffman club room, when Mike Piggins of this city put Tom Moran of Malden out in three and one-half seconds. The previous record was six seconds.

George and Dan Murray of this city fought six rounds for a draw, and John Dwyer of South Boston was defeated by Tom Carpenter in three rounds.

POLO GAMES LAST NIGHT.

At Salem—Pawtuckets, 4; Salems, 1.

At Providence—Providences, 11; New Bedfords, 6.

At Rockland—Rocklands, 7; Augustas, 3.

At Gardiner—Gardiners, 2; Lewistons, 3.

At Wallingford—Meridans, 15; Wallingfords, 5.

At New Britain—Waterburys, 4; New Britains, 3.

PATSY WAS WORSTED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—Patsy Callahan of Trenton was knocked out in the eighth round by young Sykes of Philadelphia before the Trenton Athletic club last night.

AGAINST THE REFORM LAW.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate committee on civil service and retrenchment questioned Commissioner of Pensions Evans yesterday about the civil service system and its application to the force of the pension office. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted that it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so-called spoils system. They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing.

He believed that the head of a bureau was the best qualified person to pass on the efficiency of a clerk, and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office, not exceeding 10 years, so that every year about 10 per cent of new blood could be infused into the force. This would do away with the resulting abuses from some clerks remaining in office too long.

He thought that some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list. He believed it was a mistake to include in the classified service the special examiners, medical boards, chiefs of divisions and all others receiving salaries exceeding $1400.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 21.—In the Maine Central railroad yard Monday afternoon a Maine Central engine collided with a Sandy River engine, throwing the latter from the track and demolishing the engine. William Barker of Phillips, engineer of the Sandy River locomotive, was so terribly crushed by the cab of his engine that he died shortly afterwards.

The Maine Central engine, in charge of Robert H. Lombard, was backing from the depot on the main track, the signals giving it the right of way, although the little engine was under orders to make up a special train for Fairbanks. Fireman Plaisted on the latter engine was backing towards the turntables, the track crossing that of the Maine Central at a sharp angle. Engineer Barker saw the danger and jumped on his engine to reverse it, but he was not quick enough, and the big freight engine crashed into the Sandy River engine, pushing it off the tracks. Fireman Plaisted jumped and was saved, but Barker was under the wreck. The Maine Central engine was not damaged.

DENIES HIS SIGNATURE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Four notes for $1000 each, held by Judge William A. Vincent, formerly counsel for Adolph Luetgert, and given in payment for legal services, are said to bear forged endorsements. The notes are signed by Luetgert and endorsed with the name of Paul H. Jaeschke, a plumber and real estate owner. Jaeschke denies emphatically that the endorsements are his. Judge Vincent is said to have advanced Luetgert $1600 in cash on the strength of these notes.

Arnold Luetgert admits that he forged the Vincent notes amounting to $4750 and victimized others to the extent of over $1000. He is the son of Adolph Luetgert. Arnold Luetgert laughed when it was suggested that trouble might come of his free use of signatures not his own, and said that he considered it a good joke on Vincent.

"It's a matter between Vincent and me. I ain't afraid, and Vincent's holler won't do him no good."

NEW TARIFF LAW.

New York, Dec. 21.—The enforcement of a paragraph of the new tariff law, which imposes a specific duty on foreign made watch movements, has caused much dissatisfaction among the importers of such movements in this city, and protests have been filed with the general appraisers with a view of obtaining a legal construction of the new law.

Under the old tariff imported watches were admitted at an advalorem duty. The present law requires that watch movements shall pay a specific duty, whether imported in cases or not, according to the number of jewels contained. Besides these specific duties there is a general advalorem duty of 25 per cent, and parts of watches are assessed at 40 per cent advalorem. The point which the importers desire to have definitely determined is whether certain importations shall be classed as watch movements or parts of watches.

Human Ingenuity.

Certainly, for the mechanic, human ingenuity has never produced a better liniment than Salvation Oil, which now stands unexcelled for curing his sprains and bruises caused by a fall; or cuts and wounds the result of an accident with his tool or saw. Salvation Oil always kills pain. "Recently, I fell about twenty feet and was very much bruised on my leg and side, but after bathing them with Salvation Oil the bruises soon disappeared. I think Salvation Oil is just the thing for sores and bruises." A. Jacob Rice, 520 Church St., Easton, Pa. Salvation Oil may be bought anywhere for 25 cents. Substitutes offered by dealers may cost less; hence, do less. Salvation Oil, however, never disappoints the user.

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VESSELS MISSING

From the Gloucester Fishing Fleet.

THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FOUNDERED.

The Crew are Nearly all Lost.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Oct. 1 schooner Annie and Mary, Captain John Sigsworth, sailed on a hand-lining trip to Georges banks. She carried an exceptionally good crew of about 13 men, several of whom had previously sailed as captains, but owing to their vessels hauling up for the winter, or possibly for a change of luck, they went on this trip with Captain Sigsworth, who has always been noted as a lucky fisherman. Oct. 26 the vessel put in at Long Island, Me., for a second supply of bait. Soon after the vessel left Long Island the North Atlantic fishing grounds were swept by severe gales, in which many Gloucester craft narrowly escaped foundering, while nearly all made provincial ports in badly damaged condition. The Annie and Mary was not among the number, and no tidings of her have ever been received.

The trip the schooner was on usually takes from three to six weeks, and it is believed that Captain Sigsworth was provisioned for only four weeks. It will be 12 weeks next Friday since the vessel sailed away. The shipping list of the schooner is not fully known, as Captain Sigsworth owned and fitted out his vessel and carried his crew list with him. Among those known to be on her were the following: Captain John Sigsworth, 60, leaves a wife and one daughter; Adam Head, cook, 62, widower, leaves two sons, Gloucester; Lyman Gearing, 36, leaves a wife, one child; Peter Roberts, 50, leaves a wife; David Campbell, 45, leaves a wife and four children; William Phillips, 62, leaves a wife; Frank Small, 45, single; John Nelson, 35, single; Lemuel Cantelo, 38, single; Frank Calder, 25, single; John Ryan, 35, single.

The Annie and Mary was of 72.39 tons burden, built at Essex in 1881, and was valued at $3500. She was insured for $2700 on the vessel and $500 on the outfit.

Another Gloucester vessel which is long overdue and which is given up as lost is the John E. McKenzie, Captain Andrew McKenzie, which sailed for a six weeks' fresh halibut trip to the Grand banks. She has been gone 11 weeks. Her owners will wait until after the new year before publishing the crew list. The McKenzie was the largest and best fitted vessel sailing from this port and her crew included 18 picked sailors.

NOTICE TO OFFICE SEEKERS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—For the benefit of the expectant it is given out that no appointments will be made by the president during the holiday recess of congress except in case of emergency. Despite the announcement of this fact, the number of visitors at the White House Monday was unusually large. Representative Brosius, chairman of the house civil service committee, had an extended conference about the operation of the civil service law. The president is availing himself of the opportunity to talk freely with senators and representatives concerning the law and the effort that is now being made to secure its modification. He is being urged to except some positions that are now in the classified service, but it is said that he has not yet seriously considered the question of modifying the law.

AGAINST AUTONOMY.

New York, Dec. 21.—Copies of the statement signed by the officers of the Fourth army corps of the Cuban army operating in the department of Las Villas, renewing allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city yesterday. This action by the officers of the Las Villas department makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers.

The statement says in part: "We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain. We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence, which must be agreed to with our government and the assembly of representatives."

STRIKE VERY PROBABLE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The coal operators and miners held a convention yesterday preliminary to the joint convention to be held today for the purpose of fixing the mining rate for 1898.

Judging from the results it would appear that today's convention will not fix the rate, and another general strike is one of the possibilities.

On the rate question the miners passed a resolution which means a complicated fight. In spite of the fact that the courts have ruled that the new mining law is unconstitutional, the resolution demands a rate of 49 cents a ton for coal as it comes from the mine without being screened. The operators decided to ignore the new law entirely.

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THE FALL RIVER OPERATIVES

Submit a Definite Proposition to Their Employers.

Relative to the Proposed Cut Down of Wages—The Situation in the Other Mills—All the Manchester Mills Follow the Amoskeag Example.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The conference of labor leaders and manufacturers which has been looked forward to as being a factor in the situation which might over-come the actual facts was held Monday afternoon in the rooms of the Manufacturers' association. The representatives of the labor unions submitted three propositions, and each of the delegates made some comment thereon. At the conclusion the manufacturers decided to take them under consideration, and will give a written answer this afternoon. These propositions were formulated at a meeting of committees of the unions last week, and are as follows:

"First—It being the general opinion that there will be an improvement during the ensuing year and that manufacturing will be in a far more prosperous condition than at present, we request our manufacturers to postpone the present reduction until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time, we will hold another conference with a view of settling the wage question.

"Second—Believing that reducing wages is not a remedy for an overstocked market, we respectfully request our manufacturers to work four days per week until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference.

"Third—If either of the above propositions is not accepted and we cannot settle the question satisfactorily, we are willing to submit our case to the state board of arbitration, wages to remain as at present until the state board makes its report."

The report of the meeting of delegates also states that at their meeting "the question of overtime running with two sets of help was discussed also and the recovery of lost time. The delegates were of the opinion that efforts should be made to put a stop to it, as it is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction."

After the submittal of their propositions, the present conditions of trade, the causes which have led up to them and the matter of southern competition were discussed at great length, and it was after over two hours of deliberation that the conference adjourned. The manufacturers were very open in giving the reasons which caused their action, and they answered all questions with equal freedom. There was nothing about the conference that either side will regret, as perfect harmony prevailed at all times. The discussion was entered into principally by Dr. Davis of the manufacturers, Secretary O'Donnell and Treasurer Golden of the spinners, Secretaries Whitehead of the weavers, Tansy of the carders and McCarthy of the loom-fixers.

Secretaries O'Donnell and Whitehead both expressed themselves after the conference as being in every way satisfied, as they felt that they had made a strong impression on the manufacturers and hoped that their propositions would lead to a postponement of action at present.

After the adjournment of the conference the manufacturers listened to a delegation of the Slasher Tenders' union which asked a special hearing on their agreement with the manufacturers.

THE FALL RIVER EXAMPLE.

Suncook, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices have been posted at the China, Pembroke and Webster cotton mills here announcing a reduction of the wages of the operatives of about 10 per cent. on Jan. 1. The cutdown will affect the superintendents and overseers and, in fact, all the employes of the three corporations.

The order will affect nearly 1500 operatives. The monthly payroll amounts to about $27,000. The three mills are engaged in the manufacture of print cloth, the class of goods being the same as those made at Fall River, although the printing is not done here. The production, when all three plants are at their full capacity and on full time, amounts to about 1,300,000 yards per week.

ACCEPTS THE DECISION.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The position of the Fall River Iron Works company, which employes 3000 operatives, on the wage question is determined by the announcement of the owner, M. C. D. Borden of New York, that he will abide by the decision and recommendations of the manufacturers' committee, having no desire to oppose them in any course which they may think for the benefit of the cotton industry in Fall River. He is willing to reduce wages to a point 20 per cent below the present basis if the committee should so decide, and therefore the reduction, if not changed by the conference, will affect his employes.

ALL IN MANCHESTER.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices of a 10 per cent reduction in wages have been posted in the Amory, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills in this city. The 11,000 in those mills, together with the employes of the Amoskeag corporation, will make a total of about 20,000 in this city to be affected by the reduction. The Stark mills operate 80,000 spindles and the Amory 110,000.

A TERRIFIC CRASH

A Runaway Electric Smashes Into a Horse Car.

PASSENGERS ENVELOPED IN THE BURNING WRECK.

Many Fatally Injured—The Wreck Burned up.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—A trolley car on the Roxboro electric road on the outskirts of the city, while descending a hill yesterday, became unmanageable on account of the slippery tracks and, descending at full speed, struck a horse car at the foot of the incline. It ploughed through one end of it and brought up against a trolley pole.

The roof of the trolley car fell in on the passengers, the stove upset and the wreck caught fire. J. B. Lamon, conductor of the runaway car, suffered injuries which will necessitate the amputation of a leg and arm, and may result in his death. The motorman and five passengers were severely cut and bruised. The wreckage was consumed by the flames.

THREE WERE DROWNED.

Gardner, Mass., Dec. 21.—George Morin, 16 year old, was dragging a girl named Leder Charland, 13 years old, on the ice when suddenly they were precipitated into the water. A companion, who was a short distance away, managed to reach the shore and gave the alarm. Both children had gone down only to come up under the ice, and when their bodies were recovered, sometime afterward, it was too late to resuscitate them.

Frank Waterman, 15 years old, was the third victim of the day, meeting his death by the breaking of the ice on which he was skating.

THE ICE WAS THIN.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 21.—While skating last night, four young persons were precipitated into the water by the breaking of the ice. William Newman, aged 19; Rose Newman, aged 16, and Michael Coleman, aged 20, were drowned; Lizzie Coleman was rescued. The dead were all residents of this place.

Fire, Smoke and Water. Big sale of ladies' and gents' clothing at Central Supply Co., 117 Merrimack street, over Moir Bros. Cash or credit.

WEYLER'S PRINCIPAL MISSION.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—The National says that Weyler's principal mission in life at the present moment is to defend the army and his command in Cuba against the "insults" alleged to have been contained in President McKinley's recent message to congress, and that he will energetically protest to the minister for war (General Correa) and to the queen regent against the "insults," at the same time justifying the acts of the army.

ORDERED TO RESIGN.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The supervisors have passed an order requesting County Treasurer Clark to resign within 24 hours. In case of his refusal to do so, it is stated that charges will be preferred against him before Governor Black. The expert accountants who are examining the books of the county treasurer have found a shortage of $25,000. Their labors are not yet complete.

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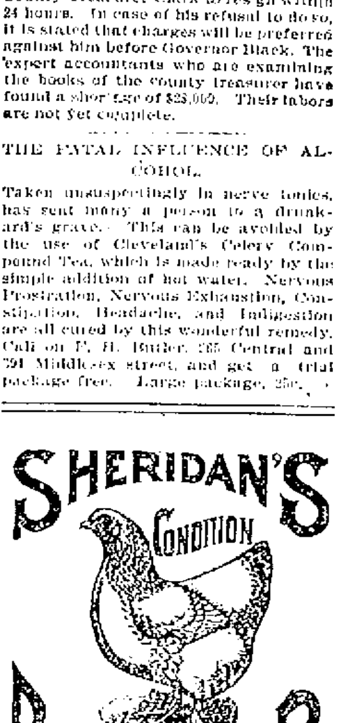

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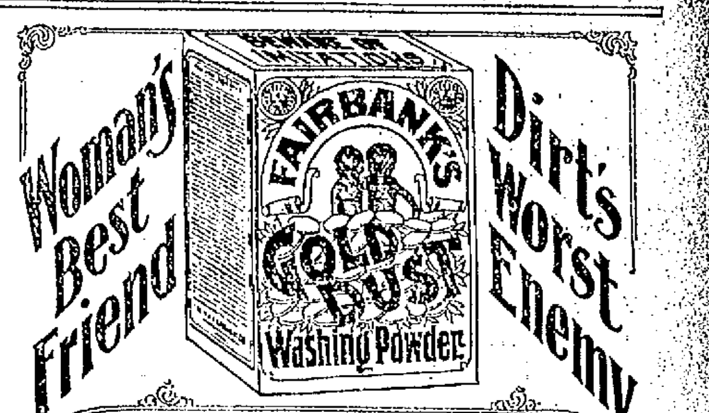

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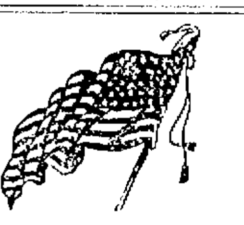

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STOCKING UP FOR X'MAS

Where the Poor Man Goes to do His Annual Shopping.

"See the tide of human beings.
How it surges, how it rolls!
Oh, what base, ignoble faces!
Oh, what bodies, lacking souls!"

New York.—So sang Gotham's "Mad Poet" many years ago, after a Christmas Eve stroll along the densely crowded thoroughfares on the East Side.

"Stroll?" some one inquires.

No, he didn't stroll; he was jostled on every side, rudely pushed along and tossed like a cork on the seething stream of humanity which remorselessly and resistlessly swept everything before it.

It would require the pen of Dickens to adequately describe a night scene in the shopping district of Grand street just before Christmas. It is a veritable human kaleidoscope, ever changing, ever new and fascinating.

Here may be seen every type of humanity, save the ultra-fashionable folks who are seldom seen on the great East Side except when indulging in the fad known as "slumming." The society belle may be highly amused by the "tough girl," as depicted on the stage, but to encounter her face to face, in a crowded street at night, would prove a shock from which the grande dame might never recover.

Here she comes, the typical, genuine "tough girl" of the East Side, accompanied by her "steady." They are out ostensibly for the purpose of Christmas shopping, but the gifts they may purchase will not require the need of an express wagon for their delivery.

The girl is arrayed in an old-style cutaway jacket, and has her hands thrust into the pockets, her elbows are held at an angle which compels passers-by to dodge in order to save their ribs; her bedraggled skirt trails on the sidewalk behind, but is raised sufficiently in front to disclose disreputable-looking shoes. Of course she is chewing gum. Her escort, or "steady," as she affectionately terms him, has the stump of a cigar in his mouth; his clothes are almost loud enough to drown the roar of the street, and his queer derby hat is cocked over his right eye, which has evidently been recently "frescoed" by some pugilistic rival.

They converse in a language quite unintelligible to the average being unfamiliar with the patois of the East Side.

"Say, Mag, what cher goin' ter gimme fer me Kersmus?" gruffly demands the young "gent," punctuating his query with a tender poke in the side of the tough girl.

"Ah, g'wan wid yer!" she coyly replies. "I'll slap yer mug if yer say Kersmus to me. Yer know dat de times ain't what dey used ter be. See?"

Clutching his arm, she fairly drags him through the crowd of women which surges in front a milliner's shop where is displayed a dazzling array of most gaudy hats and bonnets. Pointing to a monstrosity with waving plumes and rainbow-hued ribbons, she exclaimed:

"Hully gee! Isn't dat a peach? Aw, say, Chimmie, if yer want ter make yerself solid wid me, jest put dat 'ere topknot in me Kersmus socks. See?"

"Ah, come an! Yer make me tired. What a fine lookin' plum yer'd be wid dat peach on yer nut!"

Then he hauls her away, out of temptation's reach, and they are soon lost to sight in the throng.

One of the most pathetic scenes at this joyous season of the year is the poor little children who stand for hours in front of a toy store or confectioner's shop, pressing their pinched faces against the plate-glass windows, gazing at the wonders therein displayed, in hopeless and mute admiration. Most of them know only from heresay that Santa Claus is the patron saint of children, but he has never honored their poverty-stricken homes with a visit. The only Christmas trees they have ever danced before were in the shop windows, and the only toys they have played with were picked up from the gutters.

On the side streets are hundreds of peddlers' carts, heaped high with every conceivable kind of commodity, from a Christmas card to a plush album. The flaring lamps cast a weird glow upon the faces of the vendors, whose shrill cries are almost deafening. Crowds gather around the carts, and the low-priced goods are eagerly bought by small-pursed buyers, most of whom prefer quantity to quality. Haggling over bargains and wrangling over purchases are frequent, and swell the discordant strain which permeates the neighborhood.

While every shop window has its share of admirers, the gaudily-decorated ones attract the largest crowds. Here and there a big policeman is seen trying to disperse the throngs, but his efforts are in vain. Despite this aggravating state of affairs, he manages as a rule to maintain his temper and generally passes along, after a peremptory "Come now, git a move on yez!"

The pawnshops present a tempting display of accordeons, concertinas, banjos, cornets, guitars, violins, watches, revolvers, diamonds (paste and otherwise), jewelry and a varied assortment of goods which are offered at "holiday prices."

There is not such a demand for books as on the West Side, although the East Side dealers in holiday literature do a fair business.

The popular dry-goods stores on Grand street do a tremendous business the week before Christmas, and several of them keep open night after night in order to accommodate patrons whose hours of toil will not permit them to do their shopping during the day.

Christmas Eve in the East Side shopping district is by far the liveliest night of the year, and until nearly twelve o'clock the principal thoroughfares, particularly the narrow streets, are well-nigh impassable.

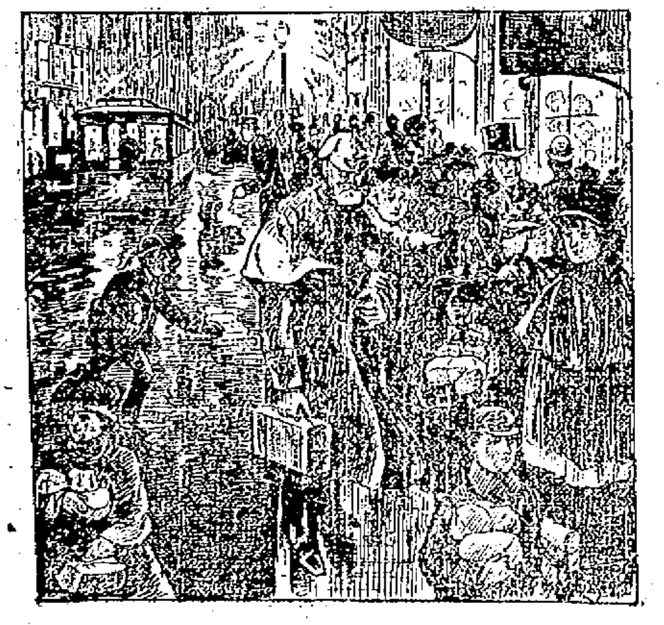
At the stroke of midnight the ear-splitting blasts from thousands of tin horns rend the air, and from thousands of throats come the deafening cries.

"Merry Kersmus! Merry Kersmus!"

And the tough young woman who is being escorted home by her "steady" stops chewing gum long enough to ejaculate.

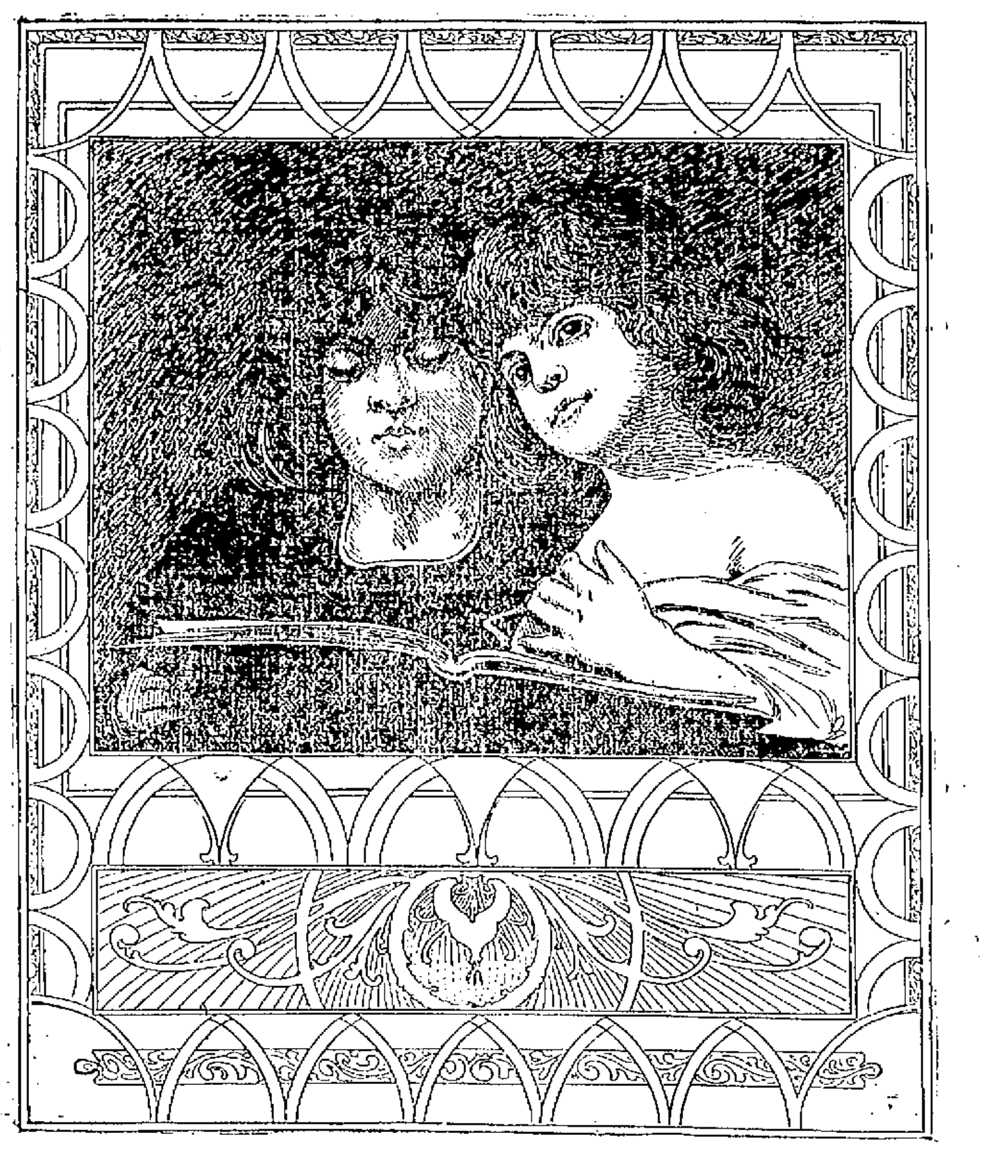
"Ah, whatcher givin' us? See!"

BERNARD THOMAS.



ON NEW YORK'S GRAND STREET DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



The village-bells, with silver chime,
Come softened by the distant shore;
Though I have heard them many a time,
They never rung so sweet before.

A silence rests upon the hill,
A listening awe pervades the air;
The very flowers are shut and still,
And bowed as if in prayer.

And in this hushed and breathless close,
O'er earth and air and sky and sea,
A still low voice in silence goes,
Which speaks alone, great God, of Thee.
—Thomas Miller.

CAROLINGS.

But chiefest among all the pastimes at this season came that mumming, or masquerading, of which the modern pantomime is the survival. An old madrigal begins thus:

To sharten winter's sadness,
See where the folks with gladness
Disguised all are coming,
Right wantonly a-mumming.
Fa, la.

"St. George and the Dragon" was the favorite subject with the mummers, and all ranks, from the monarch downwards, found amusement in watching their performances and antics, for to make people merry was their principal aim.

And all over these sports ruled the "Lord of Misrule," who as master of the ceremonies during the Christmas revels, was a veritable king. The court, universities, landed gentry, etc., all elected this "Master of Merry Disports," as he was also called, and allowed him to do as he liked during his twelve days of office.

He had leave, to quote from an old document, "to command all and every person whatsoever to be at his command, and to do him good service whensoever he will, and has authority to break open the doors of those who presume to disobey his lordship's commande." That this license led to great abuses we can readily believe.

This mock sovereignty was sometimes very costly, for we learn that, in 1635, the "Lord of Misrule" for the Inns of Court expended from his private purse no less a sum than £2,000. But he seems to have been an unusually grand potentate, for he had his "lord keeper and treasurer, his guard of honor, and even his two chaplains, who preached before him on Sunday in the Temple Church." All very childish, we may think now, but had we lived in those days we might have gladly welcomed anything that made a variety in our somewhat humdrum life.

The first Christmas tree in England was erected for the amusement of the present Prince of Wales when he was about four years old. Prince Albert ornamented it for the heir-apparent, and the people were so well pleased with the idea that every year thereafter Christmas trees made a feature of the court celebration.

According to tradition, the bodies of the three Magi, or "Kings of the East," who brought gifts, frankincense and myrrh to the Holy Babe at Bethlehem, are buried in the Cathedral of Cologne, Germany.

"Did you ever hear how the youthful brethren and sisters of the Mennonite faith carry their courtships?" asked an old resident of Germantown, whose ancestors worshipped in the Mennonite Church on Main street, above Herman, built in 1770. "When a brother in the church wants to marry a sister he does not make his wishes known directly to her, but goes to the minister and tells him his secret. The minister, if pleased with the match, carries the lover's message. The sister is usually surprised, as this is supposed to be her first intimation of the young man's love. If the proposal is received with favor, the negotiations are carried on by the minister. The ceremony always takes place in a church. No invitations are issued, but the bans are proclaimed from the pulpit two weeks beforehand. During this period the groom is permitted to visit his intended without the intervention of a third party. After the wedding a dinner is always served, after which bride and groom go to their respective homes and remain apart for several days. The marriages in the church are generally happy ones and there is no record of any of the members ever suing for divorce.—

Little Girl—Mrs. Brown, ma wants to know if she could borrow a dozen of eggs. She wants to put 'em under a hen.

Neighbor—So you've got a hen setting, have you? I didn't know you kept hens?

Little Girl—No, ma'am, we don't; but Mrs. Smith's going to lend us a hen that's going to set, an' ma thought if you'd lend us some eggs we'd find a nest ourselves.—Household Words.

"You think your son would make us a satisfactory errand boy, do you?" inquired the merchant.

"Whatever he does, sor, he does very quick," replied Mrs. Moriarty.

"James," replied the merchant, turning to the boy, "take this note up to the center of the football ground and be back in twenty minutes."

"Niver moind, Jimmy! Coom on home! It's not a bye they're wanting; it's an angel."

Mrs. Jones—Why, Mrs. Brown, you're not going so soon? I thought you were to be here all summer?

Mrs Brown—I did intend to; but my husband has just sent me a check for two hundred dollars—without a murmur!—Puck.

Gotham Rich Crowd the Great Thoroughfare.

Broadway's Strange Pictures During the Days Before Christmas.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS

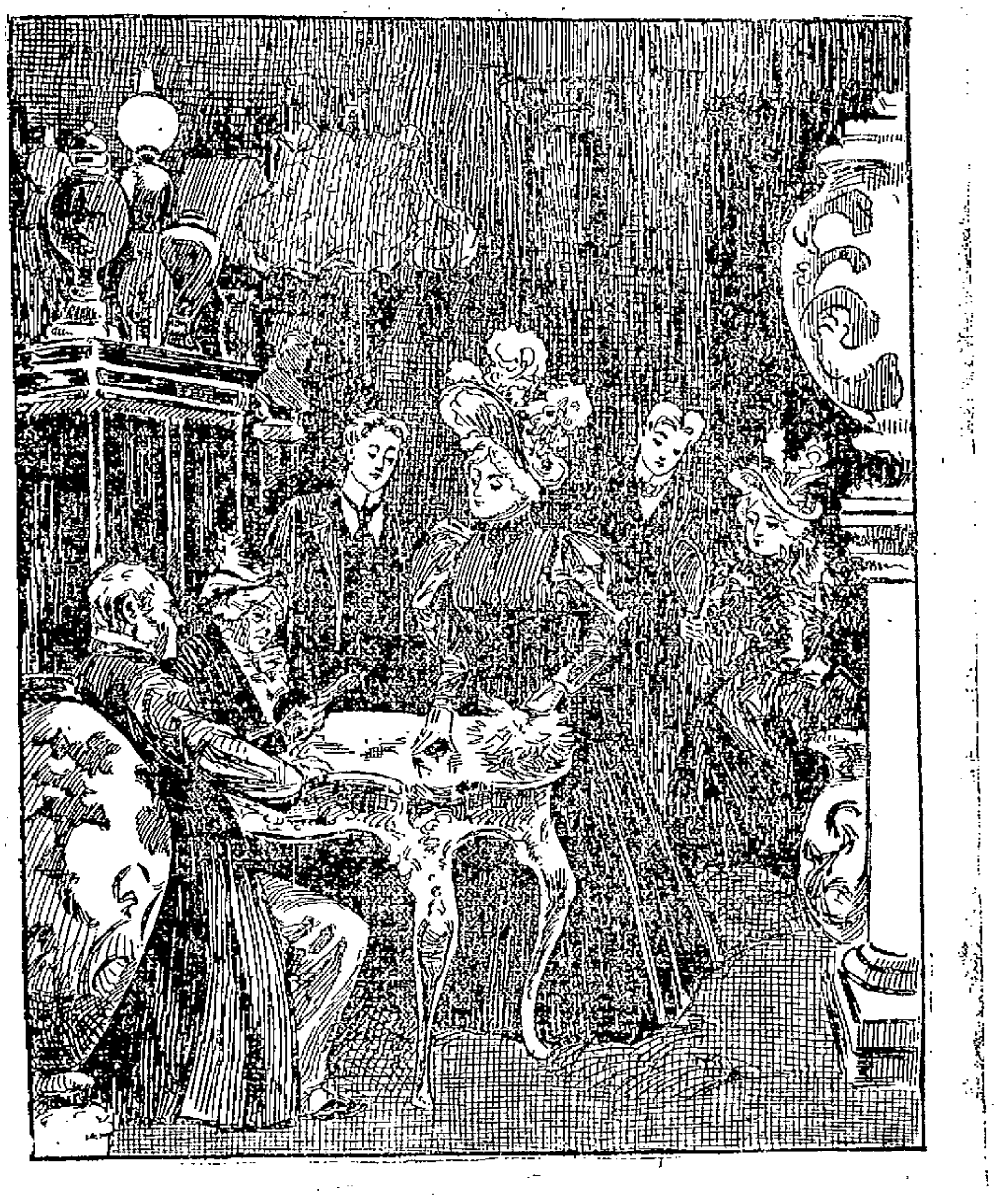
New York.—On the weeks before Christmas, upper Broadway, and its many arteries are ablaze with lights and thronged with well-dressed crowds. Stand at the junction of Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue, look in any direction and you will see a sight which scarcely another city can furnish. Beautiful women, arrayed in costly furs and bedecked with diamonds, well-groomed men, with tall, silk hats and fashionable garments; uniformed messenger boys darting hither and thither laden with Christmas boxes; delivery wagons filled to overflowing with parcels and packages; private carriages dashing along and stopping at the various jewelry or plate establishments in the vicinity.

Crowds of well-dressed men and women flock in front of the most fashionable jewelry and bric-a-brac stores, admiring the magnificent display of goods worth a King's ransom, while at the counters are hosts of busy buyers.

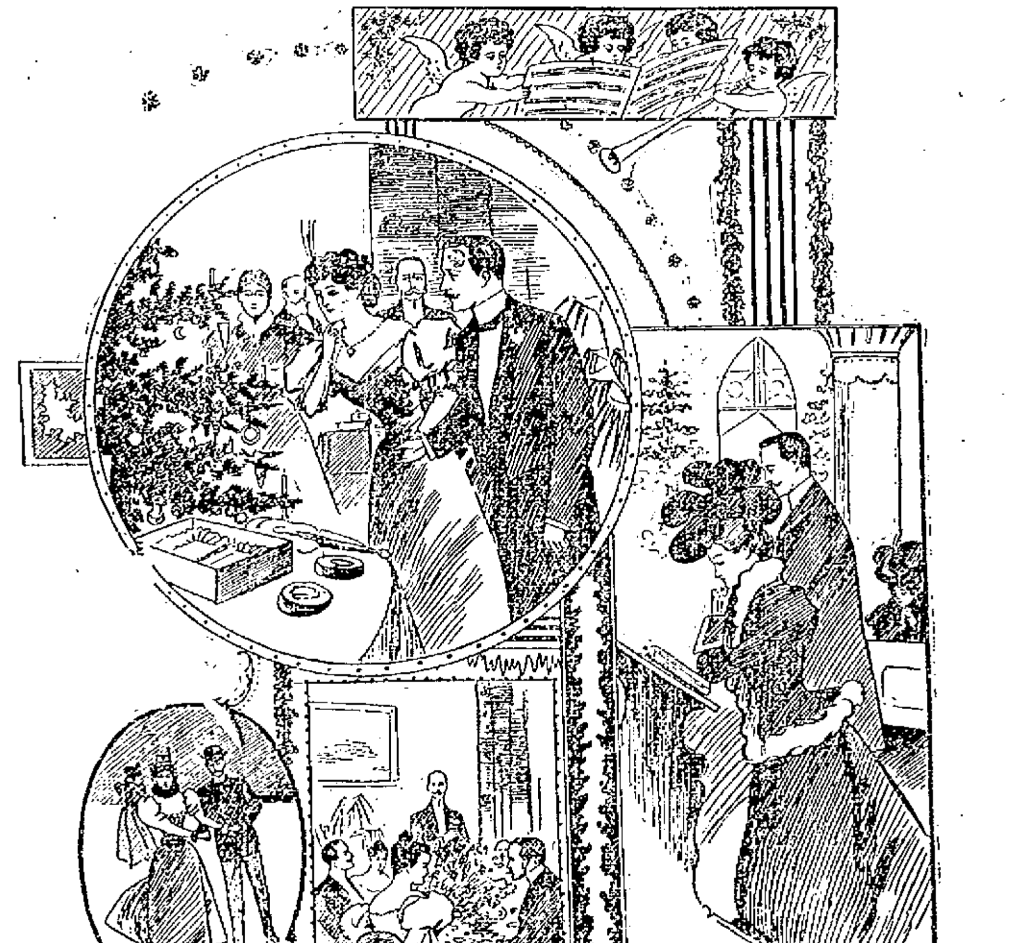
Let us enter one of these mammoth jewelry establishments. The great glass door is opened quickly by a liveried attendant, and, presto! we are in the midst of a display which even Aladdin never witnessed. All sorts of precious gems, diamonds by the bushel, and jewelry by the ton. The effect is simply bewildering, and it would require volumes to describe in detail the wonderful array of costly trinkets. Here is a diamond tiara and brooch of rare design. It has for a foundation slender cross-bars of gold which resemble a filmy bit of lace. Below are a dozen first-water diamonds suspended by delicate gold chains. Then come row upon row of smaller diamonds. In the center of the design is a true-lover's knot, composed of emeralds, rubies and pearls.

The price? Oh, only a small matter of £25,000.

The display in solid silverware, made up especially for the holiday trade, is simply stupendous.



HOW THE RICH BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.



Incidents of a Happy Christmas Day.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Each Foreign Board Treasurer seems to have his own way of transmitting money to foreign fields. Nearly thirty years ago the Methodists adopted a plan which their secretaries declare cannot be improved upon. The plan is this: A Secretary draws a three-day draft on the Treasurer of his own Board. This draft he mails to a missionary in some part of the globe. The missionary cashes the draft at any local bank. No missionary is permitted to draw on the Treasurer of his home Board. No mission-Secretary is authorized to sign a draft.

Some advantages of this plan are: 1 The saving of the cost of a bank draft, because the Secretary uses his own draft. 2. The saving of interest while the money is in transit. 3. A gaining of time. To illustrate the latter advantage it is needful only to point out that, were a draft purchased at a bank, the money or its collateral would of course have to be forthcoming to pay for it. Under the plan in use the Secretary sends the draft to the missionary whether he has the ready money or the collateral in hand at the moment or not. One to three months are required for the mails to bring the draft back. By that time the money is in hand.

In Africa the drafts of the Methodist Board are similar, in both appearance and availability, to United States money. Some are issued for as small a sum as 25 cents. They pass as readily as currency along the coast and in fily as currency all along the coast and in many parts of the interior. Often they are many months, in some cases years, in being returned to the home office for redemption.—Church Economist.

It is quite easy to tell if your feet are the proper size. Every person unless deformed, has a bone of the exact normal length of the foot, and, by comparison, the largeness or smallness of the foot can be seen.

The foot in length should be the length of the ulna, a bone in the forearm which extends from a lump in the outer portion of the wrist to the elbow. Of course, the ulna is longer in tall people, and so to be graceful the foot should be also.

Most people would be surprised to hear that the foot should be as long as the forearm, and would be inclined to dispute the fact unless proved by experience.—Golden Days.

A BANK ROBBER KILLED

Struck With a Bludgeon and Thrown Down Stairs.

He was Implicated in Many Robberies—He is Not the Pugilist of that Name—Explosion of Celluloid.

New York, Dec. 21.—John ("Kid") McCoy, supposed to be an ex-bank burglar whose record is known to the police of all countries, was probably fatally injured Monday by John McGinness, proprietor of a lodging house. The men quarrelled because McCoy said that the reputation of the house was not good and he would not allow his wife to work there. McGinness threw McCoy downstairs and then struck him on the head with a heavy club, causing hemorrhage of the brain. McCoy was taken to a hospital and McGinness was arrested.

"Kid" McCoy was implicated in many celebrated robberies. When last released from Sing Sing he asserted that he intended to lead an honest life. Since then he has made a precarious living selling locks. At one time he took part in a realistic drama called "The Stowaway," in which he and a companion cracked a safe on the stage. Norman Selby, the Indiana pugilist, it is said, after witnessing a performance of "The Stowaway," announced that hereafter he would call himself "Kid McCoy," and he has appeared in the prize ring under that name.

A number of the older members of the police force are of the opinion that the injured man is not the McCoy who was notorious as a lawbreaker, but that shortly after the death of that individual he assumed the name and title and, in company with a number of desperate thieves, committed many burglaries.

EXPLOSION OF CELLULOID.

New York, Dec. 21.—Two pasteboard boxes filled with celluloid combs came in contact with the steampipes of a car on the Sixth avenue elevated road Monday and exploded with great force while the train was standing at a station. Two men were hurt by the explosion, and three women fainted and had to be carried out of the car. There was a panic, but the fact that when the accident occurred the car was stationary and the gates were open operated to avoid disastrous results.

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Christmas money order business of the New York postoffice this year greatly exceeds that of any previous year. All of the foreign business is transacted through the New York office, and a great mass of orders will be handled here this week. Christmas presents to Europe represented by the money orders sent during the first 18 days in December aggregated $1,536,626.08, in 140,903 orders.

A SWINDLING WIDOW.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mary R. Hanson, alias "Dutch Mary," 62 years old, and a widow, convicted of grand larceny in the first degree in Brooklyn, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for two years. Mrs. Hanson, it was charged, obtained $75 from Nellie E. Shea under false pretenses. She represented herself to be the widow of a Swedish admiral who had left a large fortune, held by the United States government.

SPARED MURDERER'S LIFE.

New York, Dec. 21.—The trial of Seaman Philip Carter, who on June 30 last murdered W. A. Bayoun, his shipmate, and Superior Officer Thomas Kenny on board the battleship Indiana at the dock in the Brooklyn navy yard, was concluded in the United States circuit court yesterday. The jury found a verdict of "guilty, without capital punishment." Carter will be imprisoned for life.

THE BOSTON CAMPAIGN

The Closest for Many Years for the Mayoralty.

Riley the Disturbing Factor—His Candidacy May Help Elect Curtis and Defeat Quincy.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Rallies by supporters of three of the leading candidates for mayor in various parts of the city closed the campaign last night. The contest, which began immediately after the state election, has been a long one, owing to the fact that the election was put over a week by the last legislature, as it was anticipated that the city, at the state election, would accept a new plan for the consolidation of the board of aldermen and the common council, and that the additional time would be necessary to adjust matters. The act, however, was not accepted, and the extra week gave more opportunity for stirring up strife, so that the campaign has been the warmest that has been seen here for many years.

The disturbing factor has been the candidacy of Thomas Riley, who is running on the Bryan Democratic ticket, and his campaign, which has been avowedly antagonistic to Mayor Quincy, has been fought with great vigor by several young politicians, notably John B. Moran, Timothy W. Coakley and Philip J. Doherty. Mr. Riley has spoken almost nightly in different parts of the city, while the other two candidates have refrained from any speeches whatsoever. Although the Republican orators have been hard at work for three weeks the Quincy campaign did not gain headway until a week ago, P. A. Collins being the principal speaker.

The fight has been noteworthy for its intensity of feeling, especially on the part of the Riley supporters, whose onslaughts on Mayor Quincy have been exceedingly bitter. The mayor has also been the subject of severe criticism by the Republican speakers, especially in regard to his attitude in the erection of the new union station upon its present site.

As the election of Mr. Riley is considered out of the question, the contest apparently depends on how many votes he can draw from the regular Democratic candidate and thus insure an election of ex-Mayor Curtis. While the city gave a Republican majority last month, the registration, which has been exceedingly heavy, has been greatest in Democratic wards, and, taking into consideration the fact that the city under ordinary conditions is Democratic, the question of which of the two candidates will carry off the victory appears to be very much in doubt, with both sides claiming it.

GOLD DEMOCRATS' CLUB.

Boston, Dec. 21.—At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Democratic club of Massachusetts, numerous reports of the work of the past year were read. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Henry W. Lamb, Brookline; vice presidents, Sigourney Butler, Boston; John W. Corcoran, Clinton, James E. Cotter, Hyde Park; Charles A. DeCourcy, Lawrence; William L. Douglas, Brockton; Thomas J. Gargan, Boston; Henry B. Little, Newburyport; John G. Lane, Norwood; Waldo Lincoln, Worcester; Nathan Matthews, Jr., Boston; George T. McLaughlin, Sandwich; Josiah Quincy, Boston; John E. Russell, Leicester; Charles C. Spellman, Springfield; Eben S. Stevens, Dudley; secretary, Francis L. Coolidge, Boston; treasurer, Edmund A. Whitman, Cambridge; executive committee, term expiring Dec. 31, 1898, Charles L. Barton, Melrose; Frederick L. Greene, Greenfield; James E. McConnell, Fitchburg; Charles G. Saunders, Lawrence; term expiring Dec. 31, 1900, Charles H. Cole, Jr., Boston; T. B. Cotter, Winchester; Prescott F. Hall, Brookline; Edwin Sheafe, Boston.

MARVEL TO PHYSICIANS.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 21.—Though more than three days have elapsed since David S. Lambert of Wilton was fatally shot by burglars whom he surprised plundering his home, the victim of the cowardly attack still clings to life. He weakened perceptibly yesterday, however, and the physicians are momentarily looking for the end. He has not recovered consciousness since he was shot, and it has been a marvel to the physicians that he has lived so long, considering that a bullet was lodged in his brain and another just over his heart.

Mrs. Lambert, who it was feared would succumb to nervous prostration, is considerably improved, although still very weak from the ordeal she has undergone. Though there have been rumors current from several different places of the men being run down, they all proved untrue.

RIVET GOLD STANDARD.

Nashville, Dec. 21.—The resolution reported favorably by the committee endorsing independent political action and declaring against injunction was yesterday adopted by the Federation of Labor.

The resolution in reference to the free coinage of silver was taken up and a substitute on the Gage bill was adopted. The substitute opposed the Gage financial bill and declares that it is "a measure that would only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form."

WAS A CIGARET FIEND.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Peter S. McMahon of Albany committed suicide yesterday. He left the following note:

"Brother Dan: Please quit smoking for my sake. You don't know what I suffer. Cigarets is the cause of this. I have been crazy a week. Good bye."

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

LABOR MATTERS

A MUZZLED PRESS.

HOW FREE SPEECH IS THREATENED BY THE POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

The Suppression of the Lottery Leaves Us a Legacy of the Unlawful Means Which Accomplished the Suppression—The Labor Press Warned.

[Special Correspondence.]

The annual report of the assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, recently published, shows that official jubilant over the demise of the lottery business. He says: "The postoffice department, by its vigorous enforcement of the antilottery laws, has killed the lottery business in this country. The courts have construed the antilottery laws strictly and have held them all to be constitutional, thus sustaining the department in every way. * * * So fortified, such vigorous war was waged against all lottery concerns as to cause their disbandment and abandonment." This is the pronunciamento of General Tyner, the man who is at the head of what is practically a censorship of the press and mails in the United States.

Now I can conceive of nothing more mischievous than this perversion of official power to the advancement of ends in no wise related to the purpose for which that power is delegated. It is no part of the purpose of the postoffice to wage vigorous war against lotteries or any other enterprise. If a postmaster can be permitted to use his office to wage war upon any class of business, however objectionable, we will soon find him using his office to oppose his antagonists in matters of religion or politics.

The doctrine of this report is wrong in every particular. The postoffice is not charged with the duty of enforcing antilottery laws or anti anything else laws. The courts should construe all criminal laws broadly in favor of liberty, not narrowly so as to make them traps for the innocent. It is not the business of the courts to sustain the department in every way. That is not what courts are for, and it is too painfully manifest that as to this lottery matter the courts in their readiness to sustain the department in every way have violated the constitution, and in so doing have sacrificed their integrity and forfeited the respect of the people.

That the lottery is a giant evil, propagating all sorts of misery, degradation and crime, may readily be conceded, but there are cases in which the remedy is worse than the disease, and it may be well to consider whether in our zeal to suppress one form of vice we may not be forging chains which may in time be fastened upon the neck of progress, so when a thing as obnoxious even as the lottery is exterminated at the cost of repudiating our fundamental guarantee of liberty, debauching our courts, destroying the respect of the people for the administration of justice and establishing a reckless, irresponsible and very suspicious censorship, the cost of that victory is entirely too great. It is like burning down one's house to roast one's pig.

The censor's report goes on to state that during the year 244 fraud orders under the amended antilottery laws were issued, of which 64 were revoked. This means that in 244 cases individuals have been accused of fraud and of violating the law and have been tried and found guilty and execution issued, upon that judgment by which the victims and their correspondents have been deprived of their right to the use of the mails, and all this by the fiat of the postal censorship and not by any judicial officer or tribunal, without notice to the accused, without any chance to be heard at any stage of the proceedings and without even a pretense of that due process of law in default of which the constitution assures us no citizen may be deprived of life, liberty or property.

Of the 64 fraud orders revoked the report is silent as to the cost to the victim of regaining his rights and as to the means by which the reinstatement was accomplished, but under the most charitable construction that can be placed upon the report 64 mistakes have been made by the censorship. Of the remaining 180 the public will never be likely to know how many continued in force because the victims were too poor to make an almost hopeless fight against this tyranny of the postal censorship backed up by courts which "sustain the department in every way."

This iniquity, more disastrous by far than all the mischief ever wrought by the lottery, has come about because courts and legislatures have been carried away from their constitutional moorings by the drift of a great popular clamor. They cry of "Mad dog!" having been raised against the lotteries by those who had a purpose in doing so was joined in by all classes everywhere and pulpit, press and forum united to augment and intensify the cry until under this stress and pressure congressional gamblers enacted a law resting unusual, arbitrary and unconstitutional power in the postmaster general, and poker playing judges "sustain the department in every way." This whole affair is the rankest hypocrisy. Upon this subject, Hon. Hannis Taylor, our recent minister to Spain, in a very cogent article in The North American Review, December, 1892, says: "There can hardly be a doubt that neither congress nor the supreme court would have permitted themselves to be dragged into this grotesque position, so dangerous to the future liberty of the country, had not both bodies been seduced by the fatal argument that the vastness of a temporary evil, which they were called upon to suppress and which they alone could suppress, justified the sacrifice."

A censorship having been established by the original Comstock law of 1878 and having been intrenched and fortified by the antilottery legislation, an effort was next made to gain increased power by the introduction of a bill in the house by Mr. Henderson (120, Jan. 6, 1892) and in the senate by Mr. Dolph (3,834, April 4, 1892). At this time the press seems to have waked up a little, and the movement was killed by an adverse report of the senate committee (747, May 25, 1892), in which a just conclusion was reached, though not entirely from right premises. Strangely enough, this identical bill was introduced two years later by Mr. Hayes in the house (4,782, Dec. 18, 1893). But by this time the general press of the country had gained some foggy conception of what it was all about and had got some inkling of what kind of people were clamoring for this kind of legislation as well as some notion of the motives of those people, and the outcry denouncing the Hayes bill became so universal that Mr. Hayes was forced to wash his hands of the matter with whatever of good grace he could command.

As a fair sample of the general course of editorial comment on this subject take the following from The Daily Post, Houston, Feb. 24, 1894:

"An objectionable bill is now before congress, a revival in another guise of an obnoxious measure which was effectively squelched, and the alert newspaper writers are turning upon it the calcium light of truth and righteousness. The bill in question establishes a press censorship which is altogether repugnant to the American idea of free speech and empowers the postmaster general or one of his underlings to deny to any newspaper which may fall under the ban of his displeasure the privilege of using the mails. The power which this bill, introduced by Mr. Hayes of Iowa in December last, confers upon postal authorities is such as would enable a postmaster to set his judgment as to journalistic propriety against that of the editor and proprietor and destroy an entire mail edition of the newspaper, and the publisher would have no redress whatever. He could, for example, declare an innocent proprietary medicine advertisement objectionable matter, and upon that throw out not only the offending but future editions of the paper.

"But the bill will never become a law for the reason that the newspapers have turned the light on it and will administer a blow every time its head pops up."

This would all be good enough if the editor meant anything by it. With what childlike innocence he says "the bill will never become a law," not stopping to think how the original law of 1878 was enacted in the first instance! But the most remarkable thing about it all is that at the head of the very newspaper in which this editorial appears is the legend "Mailable edition," and as matter of fact another edition is printed containing an advertisement of the lottery, which these infamous laws forbid to be mailed. This last is the "Nonmailable edition," and yet this editor does not appear to be conscious that he is already in the grip of the censorship and that his paper is published not with the freedom guaranteed by the constitution, but in accordance with the methods prescribed by a really existing censorship, and he seems never to have asked himself, if power to exclude lottery advertisements from the mail is conceded, what is to prevent the further concession of power to exclude anything and everything else.

It is inevitable that unless the censorship is killed more effectually than it has killed the lottery it will go on acquiring new powers and gaining new strength until, instigated by monopolistic corruption or driven by capitalistic greed, it will venture to attack the labor press as it has already attacked the more radical press. I can do little more than send forth a note of warning. Forewarned is forearmed.

ED W. CHAMBERLAIN.

New York.

Chinese Chop Hing Tong.

The Chinese laundrymen of Washington have formed a combination similar to those organized in New York and other eastern cities and have agreed upon a scale of prices for laundry work, which, in effect, ends the rate cutting war that was inaugurated here by certain of the Celestials about three years ago. The scale of prices agreed upon has been put into effect, and it is said that nearly every Chinaman in Washington has agreed to adhere to the rates fixed by the combination. They have associated themselves together and have formed what they call Chop Hing Tong, meaning in English, Laundry Workers' association.

It is very much on the order of a labor union, except that their methods of organizing are quite dissimilar. A committee of influential Chinamen went around and called upon every Chinese laundryman in the city and informed him that he was a member of the new association and handed him a card upon which was printed the scale of prices to be charged. The sum of 25 cents was exacted to pay the expenses of the walking delegates, as the members of the committee might be termed, and to cover the cost of printing the cards. No meeting has been held, and it seems that there is no provision for any meetings.—Washington Post.

A Labor Journal For Atlanta.

The labor men of Atlanta propose to publish a paper devoted to the interests of the wageworkers of the city, state and south, says The Constitution. A stock company has been organized and the labor men hope to start the enterprise in a short time. The stock of the company consists of 5,000 shares at a par value of $1 each. Of this amount 10 per cent on each share of stock is to be paid weekly until the entire amount is paid up. No stockholder is to have more than one vote regardless of the number of shares he may hold. Any person can take as many shares as he may desire.

English Wage Statistics.

Statistics bearing on 8,500,000 laborers and railway and marine employees in England show that 607,654 had their wages raised in 1896, 382,225 had theirs lowered, and the remainder earned about as much as before.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The report that Russia has seized Port Arthur is entirely untrue.

Five persons were burned to death and 36 injured in a fire which destroyed an asphalt factory at Badalona, Spain.

From all parts of the province of Ontario come reports of severe weather. At White River the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero and at Matta 15.

William Hansen, aged 65, a philosopher and political economist, committed suicide in Brooklyn by drinking prussic acid. The cause of the suicide was poverty.

The chief of the Hamburg fire brigade, in the course of a report on the recent fire in the Cripplegate district of London, condemns the London fire brigade as "inadequate and antiquated."

The Fitchburg railroad station at Williamstown, Mass., was burned Monday afternoon. Of the contents a few trunks which were in the baggage room were saved. The fire was caused by an exploding lamp.

Ansel S. Burpey, wholesale grain dealer at Wareham, Mass., lost his storehouse by fire last night. The loss will be fully $10,000, as Mr. Burney had a large amount of hay in the building, besides several thousand bushels of grain.

Judge Charles Daniels of Buffalo was stricken with paralysis in his office Monday afternoon and died last evening. After his retirement from the bench on account of the age limit, Judge Daniels was twice elected a member of congress.

The report of severe gales along the coast of Newfoundland brings anxiety to the homes of many Gloucester sailors, as just now fully 60 sailors from that port are on herring trips in that vicinity. Should disaster overtake the fleet the winter will be a sorrowful one in Gloucester.

A writ of certiorari has been allowed by Justice Dixon of the New Jersey supreme court for the review of the proceedings of the state board of canvassers at which the constitutional amendment against gambling was declared carried. If the contestants' point is sustained the anti-track amendment will be defeated.

BIG BUILDING BURNED.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Fire broke out at 1:15 this morning in the big Auditorium building, which contains the largest theatre in Kansas City, and one of the big hotels. The fire originated in the servants' quarters on the sixth floor of the hotel. Though the greatest excitement prevailed among the guests of the hotel, no one was hurt in the panic which followed the alarm of fire, and all escaped to the street. At 1:40 the fire was believed to be under control, but at 1:55, the flames burst forth again, and made headway against the efforts of the firemen.

MATCH CARELESSLY THROWN.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—The extensive establishment of Crook, Horner & Co., dealers in plumbers' supplies, was partially destroyed Monday by fire, entailing a loss of about $150,000 on stock and building. The fire started on the top floor of a seven-story building and is supposed to have been caused by a match carelessly thrown in cotton waste. Three floors were gutted. On one of the burned floors was about $50,000 worth of patterns which cannot be replaced. Besides this the firm lost about $75,000 on stock, fully covered by insurance. The building was damaged to the extent of $25,000.

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A Sure, Safe, Quick Cure for these troubles is

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Our grand Medical Book, "A Private Conversation with Men," and a list of questions sent (sealed) for the asking. Book describes sexual anatomy of men, and tells about men's diseases in plain language. You will be a better man for reading this book. It is almost inspired, written by the old Doctor himself. Send for it to-day—now, for you may not see this advertisement again. HALLOCK MEDICAL INSTITUTE, 110 Court Street, Boston, Mass.

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A nice little present made of Cut Glass with silver mounting for 25c. and 50c.

An Elegant Pocket Book from $1 to $5.

Call on us and you will save money.

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Charles E. Callahan's Big Scenic Play, entitled

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Telephone 507-3.

Notice. For the next 15 days, A. M. Bertrand, the tailor will make his $22 Suits for $18, his $28 Suits for $20, his $30 Suits for $24. Trousers from $4 upwards. Cleaning, pressing and repairing done at short notice.

A. M. BERTRAND, 24 Middle St.

Few doors from the corner of Central St.

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WANTED—EVERYBODY TO KNOW that we are first class carpenters at 452 Market street. John W. Kinnan, carpenter and general jobber. All orders promptly attended to.

TO LET—A FOUR-ROOM TENEMENT, 73 Chestnut street.

TO LET—A NICE LARGE BASEMENT, well lighted, can be used for eating or brilliant painting rooms. Apply at Legault & Co., One Price Jewelers, 70 Central street.

LADIES—CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best. Safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c. in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—500 YOUNG AND OLD MEN TO bring their old clothes to Fred P. Lew's Dye House and Clothes Cleaning establishment at 477 Merrimack street, where he can make your old suit as good as new for a small sum.

I CAN'T SLEEP—CONFOUND THE BUGS. You can if you use Noonan's Sure Death to Bugs. 15c at Dows', Central street. A. Moore', Gorham street, pharmacists.

MENTHOL CREAM SHAMPOO IS USED in all the leading hair dressing and bath parlors in New England. Menthol Cream Shampoo removes Dandruff and all humors of the scalp. It contains alcohol, glycerine, and menthol. It gives a rich, creamy lather and when used in the bath will remove pimples, etc., leaving the skin clear and soft. 25 cents per bottle. Sold by leading druggists.

ROOMS TO LET—IN THE SUN BUILDING. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—IN CENTRALVILLE—CORNER of Reed and Fifth street, two story house, large barn, 6500 feet of land, lots of fruit. This is a nice place. Price $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

LOST—A SUM OF MONEY SATURDAY night somewhere between Burnes and Appleton streets. Finder will please return to 19 Burnes street and receive reward.

LOST—A POCKETBOOK CONTAINING A sum of money and valuable papers in Knox & Carlton's store Saturday night. Return to The Sun office and be rewarded.

FOR SALE—BOARDING AND LODGING house of 27 rooms. Price $370. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN FOR PERMANENT position paying $900 first year. $100 required for samples. Address Manager Builders Exchange, Worcester, Mass.

WANTED—HOUSEGIRLS AT THE Lowell Employment office, 352 Merrimack street, opposite City Hall.

FOR SALE—ON BRANCH STREET, GOOD house and barn, large lot of land. This can be bought at a bargain and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WAGONS OWING TO LACK OF STORAGE, I am obliged to sell at any price the following wagons: viz—1 high grade democrat, 1 first class grocers wagon, 1 very fine top square wagon, 1 extra second hand square wagon. 6 Robbins St.

FOR SALE—NEAR BROADWAY AND Phillips street, good cottage house, large lot of land on easy terms. Price $1500. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK AT A hotel. I can speak French or English and furnish the best of references. Address T., Sun Office.

WANTED—MEN AND WOMEN TO BUY their Clothing on credit. Custom made and ready to wear. Empire Clothing Co, Over 97 Central St. Open evenings.

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LOST—ON MIDDLESEX STREET, A BUNdle containing a pair of trousers and a shirt. Return to J. L. Chalifoux's store and receive reward.

FOR SALE—IN PAWTUCKETVILLE, NEW cottage house of 7 rooms on easy terms. Price $1100. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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LOST—A BULL TERRIER RED AND WHITE pup, about four months old. Reward at 13 Willie street.

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FOUR AGENTS IMMEDIATELY, TO handle quick seller in Lowell and vicinity, men of experience on house canvassing preferred. 62 Middlesex street, room 22; 2 to 5 only.

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LOST—POCKETBOOK BETWEEN EAST Merrimack street and Oaklands. Finder return to this office.

I WANT LADIES TO SELL THE IDEAL Hat Fastener. Sample 25 cents. For particulars address Box 187, Weston, Mass.

LOST—FROM HIS CARRIAGE A PHYSICIAN'S hand bag containing medicine and instruments. Whoever shall return the same to No. 17 Kirk street shall be handsomely rewarded.

TO LET—FLAT OF SIX ROOMS; FURnished, including piano, all ready for housekeeping, within five minutes walk of post office. Inquire 9 Barristers Hall, cor. Central and Merrimack streets.

FOUND—THREE KEYS TIED TOGETHER with a string, in front of Chalifoux's store Saturday night. Owner can have by calling at this office.

DESIRABLE FARMS FOR SALE OR TO let. Easy terms. Samuel M. Hutchins, Westford, Mass.

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STOP PAYING RENT!

Moody street—new modern dwelling, 8 rooms attic, bath room, pantry, sideboard, hot and cold water, furnace heat, maple floors, piazzas, balcony, bulk head, cemented cellar, etc. Seventh avenue—new 2 1-2 story house, 8 rooms, attic, pantry, bath room, hot and cold water, maple floors, piazza and balcony, nice cellar. Each lot is high, dry and very sightly. Small amount down, balance $15 a month. Albert J. Ryan, 29½ Hildreth Building, (old Postoffice.)

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To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6 45	6 55	6 00	§7 07
6 25	7 40	6 23	7 45
6 42	7 52	6 43	§7 56
§7 09	8 12	7 35	8 16
§7 20	8 10	*8 35	§9 10
§7 26	8 15	*9 30	§9 35
§7 33	8 55	9 10	§10 25
*7 45	8 57	10 17	11 35
*8 01	9 45	10 45	11 55
9 15	10 25	11 30	§12 07
9 45	10 49	12 00	§12 55
11 00	12 04	*1 00	§1 35
§11 42	12 25	2 00	3 04
§12 13	1 05	*3 00	§3 38
1 40	2 50	3 47	5 01
3 00	4 25	4 11	§6 01
*§3 57	4 35	*5 00	6 45
4 25	5 30	5 35	6 35
§5 27	6 15	5 41	6 57
5 41	7 10	6 14	7 30
*§6 22	7 05	§7 30	§8 08
*§7 40	8 20	*8 05	§8 35
		§10 15	11 25
		§12 00	12 20

Sunday Trains.

§7 20	8 10	2 15	§5 05
§7 28	8 15	2 05	§10 07
8 46	9 60	1 00	§1 57
§9 19	10 10	5 01	§5 50
§4 15	6 32	7 35	§8 15
§6 55	7 00	6 05	§8 25
		9 05	10 05

Western Division.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6 30	8 05	7 30	8 33
7 15	9 10	9 25	10 37
9 25	10 30	10 25	11 40
10 50	12 02	11 51	1 05
12 03	1 37	2 15	3 19
12 15	1 38	3 40	4 55
2 30	3 44	4 25	5 45
3 20	4 22	5 01	6 20
4 05	5 15	6 01	7 13
5 40	6 42	6 35	7 45
6 15	7 16	9 15	10 37
7 00	8 06	11 15 ‖	12 01
9 23	10 30		

Sunday Trains.

8 15	9 27	8 00	9 17
12 05	1 20	11 45	12 58
1 15	6 28	5 00	6 15
5 30	6 53	7 00	8 22
7 25	8 45		

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A large assortment of Prayer Books, Pearl Rosaries, Cases, Sanctuary Lamps and other religious articles suitable for a Christmas Present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street.

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We have a big line of Holiday Goods, which we are selling at a very low price. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred cigars.

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Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson St. Telephone, 439-4.

Ladies' Silver chatelaine watches, $4.50. Our prices haven't gone up. Harris, 10 Appleton street.

Is your coal bin ready for a cold winter? If not place your order with W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, today.

ALDERMEN MEET.

The board of aldermen held a short special meeting last night and voted to grant the petitions for a recount of the license, the aldermanic, the Ward Seven councilmanic, and the Ward Two mayoralty vote.

NEW CITY COMMITTEE.

Secretary Muldoon of the democratic city committee filed an application yesterday with City Clerk Dadman for the use of the polling places in the various wards December 30, for the purpose of choosing members of the democratic city committee for 1898.

MR. SHIELDS INJURED.

Mr. John Shields, an employe of the Boston Ice company, met with quite a serious accident Saturday afternoon, while at work at the company's ice house at North Chelmsford. His foot caught in the run and a cake of ice fell upon it, breaking it in two places. He was taken home.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. L e Ward of 49 Marshall street was very agreeably surprised Saturday evening by a large number of his friends who presented him with an elegant Morris chair. After the presentation, to which Mr. Ward responded in a fitting manner, refreshments were served, and a general good time followed, the company departing for home at a seasonable hour, after wishing him many happy hours in his new chair.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Defenders and Belmonts of the Les Miserables tournament teams rolled off last night their match which was scheduled for January 10. The Defenders had no difficulty in winning from the start, although the score was close at the end of the second string. The score:

DEFENDERS.

Bridge	508
Lyons	542
Sweeney	481
Buckley	473
Jordan	448
Totals	2452

BELMONTS.

Runels	505
Murphy	501
Wing	460
Wilson	460
Sub	461
Totals	2390

In the Highland duck pin tournament last night Team Two had an easy victory over Team One as the following score shows:

TEAM TWO.

Ranlett	195
Barton	252
Turner	232
Pepin	210
Toatls	889

TEAM ONE.

Anderson	227
Hartwell	239
Favor	205
C. Carter	196
Totals	867

WORKINGMEN AND MECHANICS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 564 Middlesex street.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST [illegible] MERK ST.

Croup Cure

is what many a mother is looking for, something absolutely safe and reliable, that will disarm her terror of that dread rattling, strangling cough, so fearful to the mother, so fatal to the child. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a croup cure that can be relied on. Thousands say so. Mrs. W. J. Dickson ("Stanford Eveleth") author of Romance of the Provinces, writes from Truro, N. S.:

"That terror of mothers, the startling, croupy cough, never alarmed me so long as I had a bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house."

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is put up in two sizes. The large size, $1.00. Half size, half price —50 cents.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

At the meeting of Integrity lodge, M.U.O.F., last night, the following officers were elected: N. G., William Martin; V. G., John Irwin; E. S., James Brooks, P. S., A. H. Best; treasurer, John McPhail; L. M. and chaplain, K. J. McKenzie; warden, M. A. Currie; trustee for 18 months, Samuel Rogers; delegate to district meeting, K. J. McKenzie.

Livermore lodge, A.O.U.W., elected these officers last night: Master workman, Joseph Fleming; foreman, W. H. Waterson; overseer, Elmer Arnold, receiver, Chas. H. Clements; financier, A. W. Parker; recorder, O. Whitcomb; outside watchman, Percy Britton; inside watchman, Hector Sunderland; guide, Chas. H. Glidden; truster for three years, David Common.

The semi-annual election of officers in Prosperity Circle, Companions of the Forest, last night, resulted as follows: Chief companion, Wm. H. Stafford; sub chief companion, Mary E. Santwere; recording secretary, James H. Hickey; financial secretary, John E. Maguire; treasurer, Hugh McOsker; right guide, Rose Gallagher; left guide Nellie Hayes; inside guard, Bridget Finnucan; outside guard, Abraham Beryl physician, Dr. M. J. Landers; organist, Jennie Fallon, treasurer for three years, Minnie Keeler.

The officers chosen by Wamesit lodge M.U.O.F., are: Grand master, John H. Mills; noble grand, James Fraser; vice grand, Rufus McDonald; permanent secretary, John Orrell; elective secretary, Wm. H. Rigby; treasurer, Isaac Tinker; physician, Dr. C. L. Sweetser; druggists, Martin & Co.; trustee, Wm. Mack; pianist, Frank Wilkinson; delegate to district meeting in Boston, J. S. Jackson.

SOUTHERN COMPETITION.

Editor of the Sun—I have read with a great deal of amusement the articles in the different papers about southern competition in the cotton industry Mr. Editor, this is the biggest bluff that was ever foisted upon the American working people. The republican manufacturers know full well that a reduction of wages right in the commencement of what they promised was to be an era of prosperity, would be detrimental to their prospects in the election of 1898 and 1900. Now they seek some other pretext and the greatest wonder is that the American working people have not been sharp enough to see that the Mail and Courier political combine would not advocate anything unless it were in the interests of the manufacturer. The old saying that you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time will prove true in this case. Why not come out and tell the truth, and say that the Dingley tariff is a failure?

—A Workingman.

Lowell, Dec. 21, 1897.

WINTER IS NOW ON.

Today is St. Thomas' Day, the shortest day of tthe year in the northern hemisphere and is also marks the beginning of winter and the 25th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

Incidents of the Boston Tea Party Recalled.

A VERY PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE SOCIABLE.

Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R. was Present.

The social meeting of the Middlesex Women's club and Molly Varnum Chapter, D.A.R., was held in the meeting hall of the former organization yesterday afternoon.

In each of the four corners of the hall was a table from which were served light refreshments under the direction of the hospitality committee, Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, chairman, and provided by the D. L. Page company. The original historic tea party was constantly kept in mind by various symbols. On each table was a genuine tea chest and in one of the chests was a little Christmas tree with candles burning, and each table was decked with holly.

In the unavoidable absence of Miss Whittier, Mrs. J. G. Hill, vice president of the club opened the formal exercises with a welcome to the D.A.R., and a few words concerning the memorable day in 1778 which helped to change the nation's fate. She then introduced Mrs. Thomas Nesmith, regent of the Molly Varnum Chapter, who acknowledged the hospitality of the club and announced the various numbers on the short program. After the singing of two verses of America by the assembled ladies, Miss Rebecca Norcross read an interesting paper, telling the facts of the Boston Tea Party as they were recorded in diaries at the time. The diaries are a treasured property of a Bostonian, but were lent for this use. Miss Agnes Everett sang two groups of songs to excellent acceptance. She must have suited all in her selection, for the songs ranged from tender sentiment to Mother Goose. The D.A.R. was represented, for Dorothy and Caroline Wright, Hazel Chadwick, and Miriam Savage, accompanied by Miss Marion Hovey, sang the story of the Tea Party.

Mrs. W. H. Howard, for the hospitality committee, presented to Miss Whittier through Mrs. Hill, a floral copy of the ship which brought the famous tea to this country.

Among the guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Harriet Robinson and Mrs. Harriet R. Shattuck of Malden, the granddaughter and great granddaughter, respectively, of Seth Ingersoll Browne, who was one of the "Indians" who helped in the work of destroying the tea. His name, with the names of other members of the historic company, is on the monument erected to their memory in Mt. Hope cemetery, Worcester.

NORTH CHELMSFORD.

On next Thursday evening, a grand entertainment will be held by the Sunday school children in St. John's church at North Chelmsford, at which an extra good program will be offered. The children will be the principal participants, but local talent will give vocal and instrumental solos, with an exhibition of lightning sketching. It is to be hoped that the entertainment will be a brilliant success, so as to reward the little ones and their able teachers, who have worked zealously to make it such for some time.

MATRIMONIAL.

A quiet but pretty home wedding was solemnized at 4.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Arthur Gilson and Miss Blanche Martin were happily married, the short but impressive ceremony being performed by Rev. R. A. Greene at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 7 Favor street. They will reside in Salem.

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Annual Meeting Held Last Night.

Rev. George F. Kenngott presided over the meeting of the First Trinitarian church, last evening. Among the reports submitted were the following:

Report of clerk, Harry P. Graves—During the year there were 39 admissions to the church, 26 by confession of faith and 2 by letter. There were 13 dismissals, making a total net gain of 26. The exact membership of the church could not be stated, owing to complications still existing. There had been 880 members, but only 458 of these had signed the Trinitarian roll call, though the others had all been asked to do so. They continued to worship in the old church.

Rev. George F. Kenngott's report—There were 32 baptisms, 16 of them adults. Of the 20 funerals attended, only 5 had been for members of the church. There had been 15 marriages, but only one person of the 30 belonged to the church. Officers were then elected as follows:

Clerk, Daniel A. Eaton: assistant, Nellie A. Richards; treasurer, I. Warren Bisbee; assistant, Ida E. Bisbee; deacons for three years, Samuel H. Gilman, Charles H. Swain; superintendent of Sunday school, Arrin C. Frye; standing committee, pastor and deacons, Mrs. L. A. Butman, Nellie M. Cook, Mrs. C. E. Snyder; discipline committee, pastor, Henry Farrington, Wm. Wright, Mrs. C. . Sherman, Mrs. J. B. Yorke; directors of the Sunday school, pastor, superintendent of Sunday school, Clifford B. Carey, Mrs. Chas. T. Upton, Nellie A. Richards; committee on the state of the church, Dr. C. E. Snyder, Mary J. Martin, Mrs. Clara A. Wheeler; trustees, O. A. Brigham, J. D. Hartwell, J. S. Murphy, E. N. Wood, A. W. Sheldon, Franklin Martin, Charles T. Upton.

The fifth article was to see whether the church would vote to buy, lease, or hire a place of worship. A resolution was introduced that the trustees receive contributions for the purpose stated, no greater expense than the money pledged to be incurred without a vote of the church.

The resolution was laid upon the table without debate.

Mrs. George F. Kenngott was given a rising voet of thanks for her successful management of the church singing.

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Norristown, Pa., Dec. 21.—Lizzie De Kalb, who is accused with James A. Clemmer of the murder of Mrs. Kaiser, for which Charles O. Kaiser, her husband, is under death sentence, has made a confession. She says that Clemmer wielded a hypnotic influence over her. On the night of the murder she went driving with him. At a certain point on the road he left her for a few minutes. She heard two shots fired, and presently Clemmer returned. His hands and clothing were bloody. They went to Philadelphia where he told her he had shot Mrs. Kaiser.

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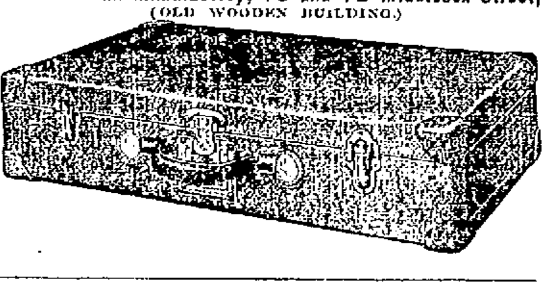

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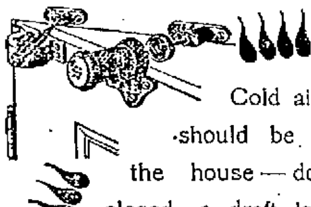

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It is evident that the public are bound to have us continue our Fire and Water Sale and keep on giving bargains, and we must acknowledge that the elements are with the public for the rains of last Tuesday and Wednesday, had full sway to come right down on what stock we had in our receiving room as there is no roof on the building yet and we had about $2,000 more of goods more or less wet during that rain. In the lot was

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THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

The weather indications for the ensuing twenty-four hours are as follows: Generally fair tonight. Fair tomorrow. Slightly cooler. Northwest winds.

Almanac, Wednesday, Dec. 22.
Sun rises—7:11; sets 4:15.
Moon rises—6:02 p. m.
Tide—9:30 a. m.; 10 p. m.

LATEST

WALKED 600 MILES

On Crutches to Meet His Bride.

UPON HIS ARRIVAL SHE REFUSED HIM.

Now He Sues for Breach of Promise.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—Reuben Lane, 83 years old, walked on crutches from Barnsborough, Pa., to Topeka, a distance of 600 miles, to marry Mrs. Eliza Ann Parker. When he arrived here she refused to have him. He has employed a lawyer and has sued for breach of promise. He is a widower, and she a widow of sixty years. They became engaged through a matrimonial agency. It took him thirty-six days to make the trip.

THE RECOUNT.

The board of registrars of voters will commence the recount tomorrow. The Ward Seven councilmanic, license, and aldermanic vote will be counted first. The registrars are James F. Owens, Esq., and John P. Farley, Esq., democrats, Girard P. Dadman and Edward P. Cheney, republicans.

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SUN EXTRA
5 O'CLOCK.

RIFLE BULLETS

Were Fired on the Bancroft at Symrna.

MINISTER ANGELL DEMANDED AN APOLOGY.

And it was Quickly Given by Turkey.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It has been just learned that when the United States steamship "Bancroft" arrived at Smyrna on the night of December 4 she was greeted with blank cartridge and rifle bullets from Fort Yenikale. A boat from the warship which was sent ashore for explanations, was fired upon, and compelled to return. Minister Angell demanded the punishment of the guilty parties, and an apology from the Turkish government, which was given on Sunday last. The entry of ships into Smyrna at night is prohibited, but the lights in the outer harbor were burning and the "Bancroft" supposed it was all right.

TERRIBLE WRECK

Caused by a Runaway Train Last Night.

$75,000 WORTH OF COMPANY'S PROPERTY DAMAGED.

Three Men Lost Their Lives.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—As a result of last night's freight wreck, caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania railroad, three men lost their lives and $75,000 worth of damage was done to the property of the company. One locomotive was completely destroyed and two others were partially destroyed. Four passenger coaches and fifty eight loaded freight cars were wrecked.

MISS HERBERT DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, died today. She was thrown from a horse some time ago and never recovered. She was a general favorite here.

BOSTON'S ELECTION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The second election under the law giving the Mayor a two years' term of office is being held here today. Seldom has there been such a sharp contest between candidates and the voting is very heavy in all the wards. The day is clear and cool. At two o'clock it was stated that the silver democratic vote had failed to materialize as expected. The contest is so hot that it is impossible to make a forecast of the result.

MUSIC HALL.

The new White Crook Burlesquers, with their old-time chic and splendor, drew a crowded house at this popular theatre last evening.

There are scores of pretty girls in the company and every one of them shows to advantage in the two burlesques that are presented. Tuneful choruses, captivating specialties and truly clever comedians all go in to make the evening one of merriment. And the show they give is up to their past high standard.

Marie Rogers has a powerful but sweet baritone voice, and she used it with very marked effect. McCabe and Cunningham in their knockabout specialty were very funny. Aggit Rehler and Lida Stone did a charming turn, while the character singing of James Dixon was really good. The two Murrays delighted everybody, and when assisted by the little pickaninny drum major, James Brown, their act fairly brought down the house.

The evening's enjoyment came to an end with the musical farce, "The Klondike Millionaires," and it was a fitting climax to such an up-to-date aggregation.

Tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening, the show will be repeated.

GORMLEY—The funeral of Ann M. Gormley took place this morning from St. Patrick's church. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Burke, assisted by Rev. Fr. Leonard, deacon, and Rev. Fr. McHugh, sub-deacon. The choir directed by E. F. Faulkner sang Schmidt's requiem mass. At the offertory Miss Finn rendered the "Pie Jesu," and Mr. Faulkner sang "I Love to Hear My Savior's Voice" at the conclusion of service. The bearers were Messrs. Hiram Vining, James Lew, Timothy Wholley and Martin Cryan. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

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TERRISS AT REST

Immense Crowd Attended the Final Service.

ALL THE PROMINENT ACTORS WERE PRESENT.

Over 50,000 People at the Grave.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 21.—The funeral of William Terriss, the actor who was killed by Mad Archer was held today. An immense crowd attended. Sir Henry Irving, George Grosmith and many of the most prominent actors of the present day were in attendance. There were tributes from Lord Roseberry, the Rothschilds, Mary Anderson, Pinero, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Langtry, E. S. Willard, John Hare and other notable persons. There were fifty thousands persons at the grave.

JIMMY BARRY FREE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 21.—Jimmy Barry, the Chicago bantam weight champion and the others who were arrested in connection with the fatal fight at the National Sporting club December 6, were released from custody today, as the public prosecutor refused to press the case.

NEWSPAPER MEN BARRED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 21.—The admiral commanding at Kiau-Chou bay refuses to admit newspapermen within the German lines. All is quiet there now.

BOINAY SENTENCED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—Charles A. Boinay, who was last week found guilty of murder in the first degree, in the killing of George Marcus Nichols was sentenced today to be hanged on April 14th next.

ORDERED TO CHINA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

London, Dec. 21.—A special despatch from Brest says that the French cruiser Jean Bart has been ordered to proceed immediately to China.

OLIVE PECKER TRIAL.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—The Olive Pecker murder trial was resumed this morning, with William Horsburgh still testifying. He said that he heard Anderson pleading with the captain not to strike or abuse him. The government rested its case at noon.

LOWELL GREEK

GOT INTO TROUBLE IN BOSTON AND WAS CONVICTED.

Diogenes A. Kitzoss, a Greek, was convicted on three counts of attempting to pick pockets, in the Suffolk superior criminal court yesterday afternoon.

Kitzoss told an interesting tale about himself on the stand. He said he had been employed as an instructor in Greek by Senator Hoar and Congressman Barrows and several others not quite so distinguished. He has also served as a Greek interpreter in Woburn and Lowell courts. He said that his father was the bible agent at Constantinople for the American Missionary society.

A doctor named eDmosthenes testified to the good character of Diogenes. The defendant was represented by Lawyer Sawyer. In explanation of the actions which caused his arrest, the defendant said that he was standing in front of the store of A. Shuman & Co., looking into the window at the display and he several times moved aside to permit ladies to see it. It was his courtesy that caused him to do that.

DEATHS.

DOYLE—James E. Doyle, aged 32 years, died yesterday at his home 25 Winter street. The funeral occurred this afternoon and was well attended. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

BRENNAN—Michael Brennan, aged 83 years, died this morning at his home, 66 Andover street. Deceased was a well known blacksmith. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Peter Corr, Lena G., and Kate T. Brennan, and one brother, James E. Brennan.

COURT—After a long and painful illness, due to a complication of diseases, Mrs. Margaret Gilchrist Court, aged 58, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Court, late pastor of the First Presbyterian church, died last night at 9.52 o'clock at the Presbyterian parsonage, 126 Appleton street. At the time of Mrs. Court's death, she was surrounded by her housekeeper and a number of her most intimate friends. Deceased had no relatives in this country, and but one in Europe. Funeral arrangements ments will be announced later.

BASKET BALL.

There will be a game of basket ball between the Burkes and the Newburyport teams in Associate hall, Christmas afternoon. Game called at 2.30.

AN INDIAN PLOT

To Burn Court Records is Discovered.

BY AUTHORITIES IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Redskin's Object to Sue for Debt.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

South McAllister, I. T., Dec. 21.—The lawless element among the Indians have formed a conspiracy to burn up the United States court houses and all other court buildings in the territory. The burning of the court house at Ardmore, with all the records is believed to be the first attempt to carry out the plot. Under Indian law, one Indian cannot sue another for debt, but under the federal law, which begins January 1, they can sue, and it is the debtor class which is attempting to burn the records against themselves.

PRINCESS HOHENLOHE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Princess Hohenlohe, wife of the Imperial chancellor, is dead. Inflammation of the lungs was the cause. She was born in 1829.

FUNERALS.

MELLEN—The funeral of Hugh Mellen took place this morning from his late home on Wamesit street. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church, where service was held. There were assembled in the church many relatives and friends of the deceased, among those present being a number of the older residents of that section of the city who had known Mr. Mellen for years and had learned to respect him for his true, manly qualities and his noble character. Besides these, there were in attendance friends of the family. The requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. McManus, and the choir, under the direction of T. F. Molloy, sang Schmidt's requiem mass. At the conclusion of the service, Mr. James E. Donnelly rendered the hymn, "I Love to Hear My Saviour's Voice." After the service, the cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery, where the interment took place. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Fr. McManus. The pall bearers were Messrs. Patrick Craig, Edward Lewis, Thomas J. Sparks, Martin Heerin, Joseph Johnson, and James Higgins. The only floral offering was a large sheaf of wheat inscribed "Father."

HEATH—The funeral of Bridget Heath took place from her late home, 20 West street this morning. Service was held at St. Michael's church, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Fr. Gilday. The choir sang the Gregorian chant and Miss Mabel Ware sang "I Love to Hear my Savior's Voice." After bearers were James Coughlin, John Henry, James Bushbee, and John Cavanaugh. Among the floral offerings were a pillow from the family; calla lilies, Kate E. Cunniff; sheaf of wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Heath; cross on base, Miss Margaret McDermott. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

THE POLICEMEN'S BALL.

The Police Relief association ball which was to have taken place on the evening of January 4, in Huntington hall, has been postponed until the 15th, and it will be held in Associate and Mechanics' Halls.

John Graham and Arthur Hassett, students at Holy Cross college, will return to this city Thursday, to spend the holidays.

Councilman George Taylor, who is a boss in Hood's laboratory is a candidate for president of the Common Council.

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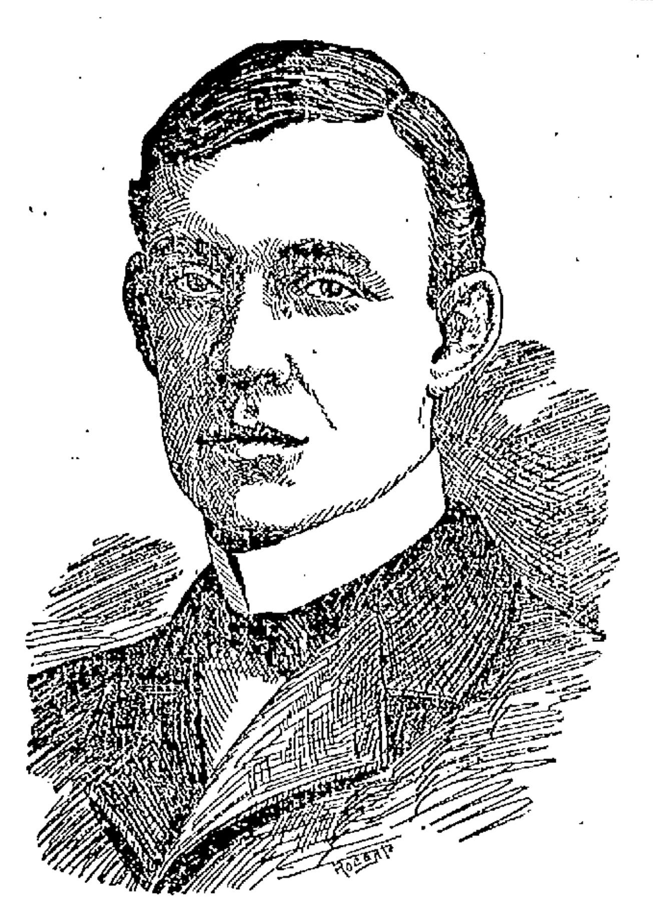

THOMAS H. LAWLER, the popular bookseller and stationer.

THE BEST BOOKS TO READ

As Decided by the Highest Literary Authorities in America.

What Librarian Chase and Thomas H. Lawler Say on the Subject—The Best Books to Help Young Men in the Attainment of Success.

The subject of books and reading is more generally discussed and admits of more varied conclusions than any similar topic that from time to time interests the learned ones. There have been discussions by the score as to what are the best books to recommend to readers, but there has been an infinite variety of books and innumerable tastes and conditions that have rendered a common conclusion an utter impossibility. Therefore, when a reporter is asked to ascertain for the readers of his article a list of the best books to read, he is given a task not to be accomplished in a short time by any means, and then even after mature consideration of the subject, to result unsatisfactorily, perhaps, to even a large majority of those whom he seeks to satisfy.

The general public are by no means members of the genus bookworm, and when, as every Christmastide approaches, they seek to purchase gifts for their loved ones, invariably they place themselves in the old familiar quandary that leads to the question:

Well, I would like to give him a nice book, but what one he will like best is a question?" The general result in such cases is that the recipient of the gift gets a book that he has either read before or dislikes. The average mortal whose best hours are taken up earning his daily bread has but comparatively little time for the pursuit of knowledge or recreation through books and none but the most attractive will hold him in his limited time. Hence, it is well for the giver in selecting a book or set of books to bear in mind these facts and make the gift useful as well as ornamental.

With a view to ascertaining what books might be the best to give as Christmas gifts, a Sun reporter called on City Librarian Chase at his office in the Library building yesterday. Mr. Chase is, without any exception, one of the best informed men on the subject of books in this vicinity. He is a most entertaining talker, and while limited time forbade him compiling a list of his own, he very kindly put the reporter on the right track to attain his end, and furnished him with the interesting and needed data for which all Sun readers will be duly thankful.

To begin with the first question that suggests itself: "What are the ten greatest books of the century?" Now for every list of ten that the writer might suggest, some far more eminent authority might suggest another and a better list. Not long ago, however, a contest was held in St. Louis to determine this question and the preliminary results were first as follows:

A book is a literary work substantial in amount and homogeneous in character. Greatness is the effect on the world. There were 1616 lists sent in and the 10 books decided to be the greatest of the century were the following: Carlyle's "French Revolution;" Darwin's "Origin of Species;" Dickens' "David Copperfield;" Goethe's "Faust;" Hugo's "Les Miserables;" Humboldt's "Cosmos;" Macaulay's "History of England;" Mill's "Political Economy;" Ruskin's "Modern Painters;" and Thackeray's "Vanity Fair."

The second prize list contained instead of Dickens and Thackeray, De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" and Hegel's "Philosophy of History."

The third prize list contained instead of Mills and Thackeray, Emerson's Essays; Eliot's "Middlemarch," and Stow's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

But these lists, while it is true that all contained in them are grand works, will not meet the requirements of the average Christmas book purchaser, and other lists of books are therefore sought.

In 1893, the Critic held a competition on the ten best American books and these are the result: Emerson's Essays; Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter;" Longfellow's poems; Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin;" Holmes' "Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table;" Irving's "Sketch Book;" Lowell's poems; Whittier's poems; Wallace's "Ben Hur;" and Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic."

The question of the best poetry is always an interesting one and while all lists differ, that gotten out as the result of a contest in Life last July as to the best poem, commends itself generally. It includes: Gray's "Elegy;" Bryant's "Thanatopsis;" Longfellow's Psalm of Life; Poe's "Raven;" Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade;" Shelley's "To a Skylark;" Holmes' "Chambered Nautilus;" Hood's "Bridge of Sighs;" and Wolfe's "Burial of Sir John Moore."

But the poems of Shelley and Wolfe in the prize list were displaced by Scott's "Lochinvar" and Read's "Drifting."

Parents are always desirous of getting the best of books for their little ones and in the lists obtained through good authority, the following may always be safely commended to the young: Mrs. Burnett's "Little Lord Fauntleroy;" Robinson Crusoe; Louisa Alcott's "Little Women" and "Little Men," "Swiss Family Robinson," Pilgrim's Progress," "Andersen's Fairy Tales," "Arabian Nights," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Dicken's "David Copperfield," Porter's "Scottish Chiefs," Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" and Kingsley's "Water Babies."

But for a book to read for good sound enjoyment with true patriotism, we always turn to our American story, just long enough to please us, not so brief as to disappoint; In a competition in the Critic this year, the 12 best American stories were decided to be Hale's "The Man Without a Country," Bret Harte's "The Luck of Roaring Camp," Hawthorne's "The Great Stone Face," and "The Snow Image," Poe's "The Gold Bug," and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," Stockton's "The Lady or the Tiger?" Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and "Rip Van Winkle;" Page's "Marse Chan" Aldrich's "Marjorie Daw" and Wilkin's "Revolt of Mother." To these may be added Benner's "Love in Old Clothes," Wilkin's "A Humble Romance," Hawthorne's "The Birthmark," Mark Twain's "The Jumping Frog," Page's "Meh Lady;" Cable's "Posson Jone,' and Davis' "Gallegher."

Other competitions have shown the great novels in the popular estimation to be the following: "Scarlet Letter," Hawthorne; "Les Miserables," Hugo; "Romola," Cross; "Adam Bede," Cross; "Ivanhoe," Scott; "David Copperfield," Dickens; "Henry Esmond," Thackeray; "Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship," Goethe; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Stowe; "On the Heights," Auerbach; "Jane Eyre," Nicholls; "Tale of Two Cities," Dicken's; "Newcomes," Thackeray; "Heart of Mid-Lothian," Scott; "Vanity Fair," Thackeray; "Robert Falconer," McDonald; "Hypatia," Kingsley; "Don Quixote," Cervantes; "Marble Faun," Hawthorne; "Mill on the Floss," Cross; "Consuelo," Dudevant; "Middlemarch," Cross; "Last Days of Pompeii," Lytton; "Corinne," De Stael; Robinson Crusoe," De Foe; "Vilette," Nicholls; "Vicar of Wakefield," Goldsmith; "Guy Mannering, Scott; "Lorna Doone," Blackmore; "Westward Ho!" Kingsley; "Felix Holt," Cross; "I Promessi Sposi," Manzoni; "John Halifax, Gentleman," Craik; "Old Mortality," Scott; "Pickwick Papers," Dicken's; "Pride and Prejudice," Austin; "Silas Marner," Cross; "Neighbors," Bremer; "Titan," Richter; "Virginians," Thackeray; "Our Mutual Friend," Dickens; "Egyptian Princess," Eber.

And with all these mentioned there are still hundreds of fine books that could be read to good advantage, but no one can fail to appreciate the gift of any of the above.

THOMAS H. LAWLER.

TELLS WHAT BOOKS ARE MOST HELPFUL TO YOUNG MEN.

Thomas H. Lawler, whose portrait we present today is one of our popular young men, well known in business and social circles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawler of Belvidere, both of whom have resided in this city over forty years. His brother is Dr. William P. Lawler, the well known physician, and two of his sisters are teachers in our public schools. In 1880 he was graduated from the Colburn grammar school and in 1884 he was graduated from the Lowell High school. Since his school days, Mr. Lawler has been engaged in the book and stationery business, and has devoted his time exclusively to literary work. For a number of years he was employed in the book stores of Taylor Brothers and of F. M. Merrill, and in 1891 he purchased the Old Franklin book store, formerly kept by F. P. Coggeshall, where he has been up the present time.

The Franklin book store has quite a unique history. It is the oldest stationery emporium in Lowell, and for years it has been one of the landmarks of our city. For over half a century the literary population of our busy town have flocked to this old stand, there to imbibe the latest productions of poet, philosopher, sage and humorist.

After acquiring possession of this ancient establishment, Mr. Lawler immediately set out upon a thorough plan of renovation. The old stock was quickly disposed of, to give place to a complete series of books and stationery that was

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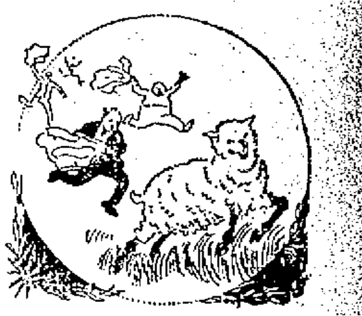

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CLASS OF TRAINED NURSES

Graduated With Honors at St. John's Hospital Yesterday.

Addresses by Dr. Bell and Rev. Fr. Joyce, O. M. I.—The Exercises Quite Interesting.

A class of trained nurses was graduated from the training school of St. John's hospital yesterday afternoon. Exercises in honor of the occasion were held in Y.M.C.I. hall and the audience numbered besides friends of the graduates, patrons of the hospital, the Sisters of Charity, the nurses, and several of the Catholic clergy.

The exercises opened with a piano selection from Flotow's "Martha," played by Mr. T. F. Molloy, who arranged the musical numbers. The salutatory was delivered by Miss Mary A. Copps, who pleasantly greeted the company and warmly thanked the Sisters of Charity and the physicians who had been the instructors of the graduates during the two years of training. Berger's quartette, "Night, Lovely Night," was sung by Misses Louise J. McLaughlin, and Nano M. Gallagher, and Mr. Molloy and Mr. James Donnelly. Miss Margaret D. Mullen recited "A Texas R omance," with such spirit that she was recalled and read "The Ambulance." Mrs. Hugh Walker sang with artistic effect, "Goodby, Sweet Day," and Miss Bessie O'Neil gave with much eclat a stirring recitation, "How Sligo Won the Race."

Dr. Plunkett then presented the diplomas to the graduates who were Misses Ellen Mary Donovan, Manchester, N. H.; Alice Martina Carey, Prince Edward Island; Mary A. Copps, Fitzroy Harbor, Ont.; Margaret Darling Mullen, Ottawa; Margaret Hickson, Lowell; Mary A. Grimes, Ottawa; Margaret Carroll, Hornersville, N. Y.; Katherine Loretto Shannon, Lowell.

The graduates wore the cap with a black ribbon which is the insignia of their honorable profession.

A duet from "1492" was sung by Messrs. Molloy and Donnelly; Miss Nano Gallagher's pleasing contralto voice was heard in "The Lady of the Sea."

DR. BELL'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Bell then addressed the graduates. He expressed reluctance to speak first, because the nurses had been hearing his voice all through the course, and also because his tongue could not utter the thoughts he would desire to express. It was no idle compliment he paid when he said that this class was never surpassed by any sent out of the hospital. The pupils had been throughout faithful, industrious and devoted, and this he expected would be true in all their subsequent career. They were going forth to an experience like that of the physician, who as Sir Andrew Clark says, for the first ten years earns his bread, the second ten years bread and butter, and the third ten years cakes and ale. The life of the true nurse is one of constant study. He urged the graduates always to be watchful. Don't let the mind get rusty. Acquire useful facts and have them ready for instant use. The trained nurse is no longer an experiment; she is a demonsrrated fact. All skepticism about her value has passed away.

There has been great progress in medicine during this century, but the progress in the coming era will be greater, and the progress of nursing is along the line of great medical advancement. In the coming century, America will not only echo the discoveries of Europe, but will make some of her own, which will be heard throughout the world.

"Look out for small things," said Dr. Bell to the graduates. "Beef tea and mutton broth if well made are agreeable to the eye and taste; if poorly made, are a reproach. Be proud of your profession. The mission of the nurse is to help others. Mutual help is the rule of life from the cradle to the deathbed. Inspire in your patients a feeling of trust. Cultivate a feeling of order. Be pliable, not mechanicle. Be sympathetic. Learn to disguise your feelings. Obey strictly the orders of the physician in charge, even if another doctor would treat the case differently. The nurse is like the soldier, and should obey, but unlike the soldier she can leave the case if the treatment does not comend itself to her judgment. Remember that caring sickness, you are dealing with complex material, with a body with life in it. Don't try to treat two cases alike."

Dr. Bell then briefly sketched the history of medicine and woman's relation to it. He urged the nurses to be proud of their uniform, which means years of work and self-sacrifice. As it was necessary to have a blue line of troops to protect our shores, so it may become necessary to have a national line of nurses to ward off the invading army of disease.

Dr. Bell next gave an interesting and graphic story of the Geneva treaty, which 32 nations had signed, making the white flag with its red cross the universal signal of peace and help to the wounded. He spoke of Florence Nightingale and other women in the Crimea and of the work of women in our civil war. He closed with an urgent appeal to the graduates to be patient with their work and especially in the care of children.

REV. FR. JOYCE, O. M. I.

After a solo by Mr. Donnelly, Rev. William D. Joyce, O.M.I., presented the medals, speaking as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—To me has been assigned the very pleasant duty of presenting to this graduating class of pupil-nurses of St. John's hospital the medals which they have merited by two years of faithful and efficient service.

"The brilliant future which we ventured to predict for the training school at the first graduating exercises, has been fully attained. The pupils have profited by the instructions of the medical staff and the noble and holy example of the Sisters of Charity has not been lost upon them. They have learned to devote themselves to suffering humanity, not from mercenary motives, not for 'wages,' or 'salary,' or 'fee,' but out of love for Him whom they have been taught to see in the persons of the sick, Christ, our Lord.

"The Christian nurse, like the Christian physician, gives a service too noble to be measured in money value, and whatever compensation may be given for services rendered must be viewed simply as a form of tribute and not as a pecuniary reward for labor. This is the ideal which makes the medical profession so honorable in society. Any other motive would only tend to degrade it. Hence, it behooves the trained nurse, the physician's faithful aid, to regard her profession in this light. Other considerations are merely personal and therefore unworthy of her high calling.

"Christianity gives the nurse many striking models. Kings and queens, like St. James and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, have served and tended the sick with wonderful love and tenderness. Scarcely had the apostles begun their work of teaching than they found dependent upon them many of their brethren needing material assistance. They had not the time to withdraw from their duty of announcing the gospel, the glad tidings of salvation, to the world's nations, but they were the superintendents, the bishops, the heads of the church, and calling to their assistance others whom they consecrated to the work they gave them the special charge of looking after the poor and suffering members of the flock. No sooner had the ages of persecution passed, than hospitals for the care of the sick and the relief of the suffering were established.

"Closer to our own times, we find numerous religious orders of men and women devoting themselves to the care of the sick. Take the Sisters of Charity as a type of the whole order of sisterhoods. We find St. Vincent de Paul, a humble priest with a big heart filled with the love of God, whose chief work was the establishment of the Sisters of Charity. Here are women leaving home, family, and friends, the comforts and pleasures of life, changing their names and dress, and binding themselves together in one common family to live slaves for others, to toil by day and by night at the bedside of the dying, nursing the most loathsome diseases, caring for the orphan, watching over the old—the cross old people, fretful in their humors, often ungrateful and impatient. The principle of this is the teaching of Christ, which led them to give their all for their neighbor, and the Sisters of Charity are but a mere handful of the mighty army of devoted virgins thus laboring among the poor and suffering all over the world.

"When St. Vincent de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity, it was objected that he did not give them a veil to cover their faces. The holy founder replied: 'Their modesty shall be their veil,' and so it has been. And so must it be with you, the graduates of St. John's hospital training school, modesty must be your veil. Religion must guide and animate you in the discharge of those onerous duties, which are performed cheerfully when the heart is inflamed with an ardent spirit of charity. Go out into the world, minister to the ills of the body which appeal to the senses, but forget not the ills of the spirit which are hidden from view. In the exercise of your profession, you must never lose sight of the great spiritual good you may accomplish. You must be models of virtue, types of a true, generous, devoted womanhood.

"In the alleviation of corporal calamity, you shall frequently, as you know by experience, be called upon to overcome a strong repugnance on the part of weak human nature. It is then religion will come to your assistance. Helped by it, you shall never recoil from any form of suffering or misery. The angel of death may stand at the pest-house, every human being may withdraw in terror from him, but the Christian nurse sweeps by him, and goes in, if need be, to suffer and to die.

"Christian virtue, as distinguished from the worldly and heathenish philanthropy of the day, shall encourage and sustain you in the doing of your blessed work. You go forth from your school prepared to discharge even the lowest offices of corporal service, however repugnant to flesh and blood, without ostentation or pride, regardless of the pecuniary compensation that may be given you, which, indeed, shall be a mere tribute of gratitude to a benefactress. May you prosper in your noble profession; may your every effort to assuage pain and comfort the suffering be crowned with success; may you be a veritable benediction to the homes of the sick which you shall enter as angels of mercy and charity. May your career be a source of unfailing satisfaction to the devoted and self sacrificing Sisters of Charity and to the eminent physicians with whom you lived and labored at St. John's hospital."

The exercises closed with a selection from "The Sorcerer," by Miss Louise McLaughlin.

Rubber Tube Instead of Switch.

At the regular meeting of the Principals' Round Table at Horseheads, N. Y., recently the question of corporal punishment was taken up. After considerable discussion the principals practically agreed that if whipping had to be done the best thing to do it with was a rubber tube. This would inflict a sufficient amount of punishment and was not in any way dangerous to the child and was not likely to disable him or make the effects of the punishment felt outside the schoolroom.—Elmira Advertiser.

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PRES. ANDREWS

Stirs up the Members of the G. A. R.

BECAUSE OF HIS SPEECH IN CHICAGO.

In Which He Praised Gen. Lee.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.—President E. Benjamin Andrews of Brown University whose freedom of utterance on the money question led to a bitter contest between him and the trustees of the university last spring, is again in controversy. This time it is with the G.A.R., and the church admirers of the Armenian both of which bodies declare that has been unjust and unwise.

Last week Dr. Andrews went to Chicago to lecture on the "Generals of the Confederacy," and in the course of his remarks he praised General Robert T. Lee at the expense of some of the General's union adversaries. This fact was learned of in Providence before the doctor arrived and the result was criticism from his former companions in arms, for the doctor lost an eye during the late unpleasantness.

Whenever the ex-union soldiers have come together since the address was delivered, the veterans have taken advantage of the opportunity to challenge Dr. Andrew's statements. Finally from Boston resolutions have come that seem to voice the sentiment of the Grand Army. These resolutions declare:

"That it is the duty of all friends of the Union soldier to set the seal of condemnation against such utterances as those emanating from alleged public teachers, and we, as soldiers of the Union army, ask the loyal public of the country to frown upon all such disloyal speeches and the speakers.

Similar resolutions are to be passed by Grand Army organizations in this state and it is probable that President Andrews has not heard the last of his Chicago, speech, especially as he attcks by his Chicago utterance.

The second instance in which Dr. Andrews has sown the seeds of trouble for himself this week was in the statement that the Turks are a "nobler and more moral race than the Armenians." This has aroused the indignation of Christian people in all parts of the country, and local papers have helped spread the feeling by a charge that Dr. Andrew's personal acquaintance with the Turks was limited to a thirty-six hours' visit to Constantinople.

The result is that many who sympathized with Dr. Andrews in his former trouble have been among the first to condemn his latest utterances.

However, Dr. Andrews cares little for what the public think of his opinions. They are his opinions and as such he expresses them without fear or favor.

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never before equalled in this city. The young man has been untiring in his efforts to secure the best that could be procured, and as a result he has for his reward the thorough equipment of one of the largest and most reliable stores in New England. All the literary gems of foreign and domestic publication can be found here. Historical books of poetry and song, text books of every description, philosophical works, books of fiction and humor, religious books, books on political economy and social science—all occupy the shelves of this great emporium of knowledge. In a word, one can find at Lawler's store all the standard classical works of English and American literature, together with a complete line of books of every nature for young and old, for rich and poor, and for all classes of society.

Thomas H. Lawler, or Tom, as he is familiarly called, is no stranger to our readers. Every day his smiling face can be seen on our streets. His genial disposition and natural wit, together with a thorough knowledge of his immense library make him a popular favorite. He is well known in the various circles of society. He is a member of the Vesper-Country club, of the Highland club, and of the Foresters of America. At present he is a grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and for several years he has been a director of the Philharmonic society. In politics he has never taken an active part, always declining to accept any political office.

The Sun reporter visited Mr. Lawler for the purpose of ascertaining his views as to the best books for aiding a young man in attaining success. Without a moment's hesitation Mr. Lawler answered: "I recommend Marden's 'Pushing to the Front,' as the best book printed in any language for young men who desire to rise in the world. It is a whole education in itself. It is a condensation of the experience of the most successful men, most of whom arose from absolute poverty, overcoming obstacles which to the timid and unpersevering, would seem insuperable. By all means I would put this book first and foremost for young men."

Next comes "Self Help" by Samuel Smiles of England. It is a very able work on the same plan, but it is not the equal of Marden's in matter or in style, in the advice given of the experience cited.

"Besides, Marden's book has the advantage of being American and of treating mostly of Americans who attained success by patient industry, indomitable courage, by their tact, their push and their adherence to upright principles.

"There is another admirable little book which, however, is hard to find on this side of the Atlantic, but it is a treasure for young men of a literary turn—I refer to 'Self Culture,' by Professor Blackie, of Glasgow, Scotland. The chief merit of these books consists in showing young men how to make the best use of their talents in the attainment of success, but the chief trouble with the young men seems to be that they read such books, admire them, tell their friends about them and deliberately ignore the advice given.

"Pardon me," said Mr. Lawler, "I had almost insulted the memory of one of our own greatest writers on this subject, one whose works are most helpful to young men—Benjamin Franklin. If a young man wants to secure a condensation of solid common sense, let him study Franklin's sententious sayings. They are unexcelled, but they are not so practical as the counsel given in Marden's admirable work."

END OF A "MIRACLE."

The Vision In a Church Window at Canton, Minn., Explained.

Four years ago there appeared in the various papers of America long accounts of the figure of the Virgin Mary appearing on a window in a little Catholic church at the village of Canton, Minn., about 40 miles from St. Paul.

A short time ago a newspaper man who was working in St. Paul at the time the picture appeared on the church window at Canton succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, and with him passed away the mystery surrounding the affair. He was the originator of the hoax—for it was nothing but a hoax—and had sent out the story on a dull Sunday night as a fake, believing that the whole matter would end with printing the yarn.

Among the papers to which the story was sent was the New York Herald, which promptly wired the correspondent to proceed at once to Canton and get up a five column story, accompanied by pictures, affidavits, etc. Here was a pretty mess, but the correspondent was equal to the emergency. He went to Canton, took into his confidence the local photographer and had photographed on a pane of glass the figure he had described.

This pane was placed in the church window, taking the place of the original glass, on which there was no figure whatever. The work was done at night, so that next morning, when the townspeople heard of the miracle "in their midst" and hurried to the church, they found everything all regular.

This time he had a picture of the Virgin Mary with the Infant Jesus in her arms. Again did the press of the country take up the story, and again did the correspondent get many checks of large denominations for his reports of the miracle. The people of Canton were all puffed up with pride over the attention their town was attracting, and daily the little church was visited by curious crowds from outside, all anxious to see the picture.

At last the bishop of the diocese took a hand in the case and ordered every window in the church removed and new ones put in. This ended the "miracle," for the correspondent was afraid to try the game again, and from that day to this Canton has not been heard from.—Chicago Chronicle.

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Every mother ought to see to it that her daughters are healthy and strong in a womanly way. She ought to make them aware that any neglect or irregularity of the special functions of womanhood may result in life-long weakness and disease.

Any mother or daughter may write concerning these delicate ailments, with the utmost confidence to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. Her letter will be answered free of charge with suggestions for self treatment at home, by which these complaints may be overcome without need of mortifying examinations.

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KIAO CHAU AND HAWAII.

Bearing of Coming Events In China on Our Own Annexation Question.

Hawaii has acquired an importance to the United States within the past few weeks that it never had before, and this importance is daily growing. The seizure by Germany of the Chinese port of Kiao Chau is the latest warning of the changed conditions in the Pacific. Formerly we had little occasion for anxiety in that quarter. There were no great naval forces there, and the whole region was neglected by the maritime powers. Now it is evident that the struggle for power on the Pacific is to be as bitter as on the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Germany having seized Kiao Chau, it becomes necessary to "restore the equilibrium," as the highwayman of diplomacy delicately put it, by distributing plunder all round. England is expected to enlarge her possessions at Hongkong and to seize the great harbor of Port Hamilton. Russia, by virtue of an agreement with Korea, will doubtless take possession of Port Lazareff, which will give her a convenient terminus for her Transsiberian railroad and a magnificent harbor, open all the year. France and Japan will certainly not be backward about claiming their shares of the "equilibrium."

The meaning of all this is that our Pacific coast states, instead of being sheltered by the breadth of a continent from the stress of modern international activities, are now about to meet the most energetic nations of the world, face to face. Every great naval power is trying to secure a base of operations in the Pacific. Each of them will maintain a strong fleet there. Japan alone in a few years will have a force in those waters almost equal to the entire navy of the United States.

In such circumstances it is only common prudence for us to look to our defenses. We have no desire to follow the land grabbing powers of Europe around the world, sharing their spoil in their company, but when there is an outpost from which an enemy could threaten our whole western coast line it would be folly on our part to fail to make it secure. Hawaii is the center of a circle of which the shores of California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska form an arc. It is within easy striking distance of every American Pacific port. With it in our possession an enemy in that part of the world would be powerless against us. The acquisition of Hawaii is an imperative patriotic duty.—New York Journal.

TOWED BY SHARKS.

Narrow Escape of Two Florida Fishermen From Horrible Deaths.

While Will Thompson and Henry Jones of Point Tampa, Fla., were out on the lighthouse flats harpooning sharks the other day the sharks turned the tables on them, and it was soon a case of sharks hunting the men. At high tide the flats, which are covered with 7 or 8 feet of water, are a resort for innumerable sharks. The two young men had harpooned four large ones, which they had anchored to stakes, when they espied a still larger one. Will threw the grains, which caught the big fellow back of the shoulder. He started off with lightning speed towing the boat.

After ten minutes of this the shark slowed up and Jones threw another harpoon, intending to strike him, but it missed its aim and struck another big shark that was passing by. Instantly there was wild commotion. The two sharks started off at different angles and when the ropes tightened there was a tug of war. The ropes were fastened on each side of the boat to spring thwarts and the strain was so sudden and great that the little boat was fairly drawn in two, half going with each shark. The men were thrown into the water. Instinctively they grasped the sides of the boat and they were drawn through the water with marvelous speed, going so fast that they did not sink, although they were almost half drowned by the waves. A half dozen other sharks started for them. The men shouted to some other fishermen, who were near in another sloop, and they sailed to their rescue. The wind was freshening and the sloop managed to overhaul them, after ten minutes' chase, and by skillful sailing got in between the two, and dashing first to one side and then another the men were picked up in safety, but terribly used up.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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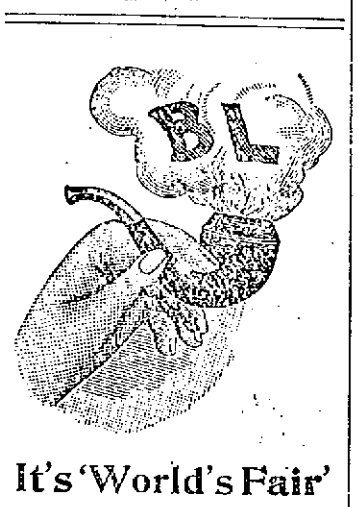

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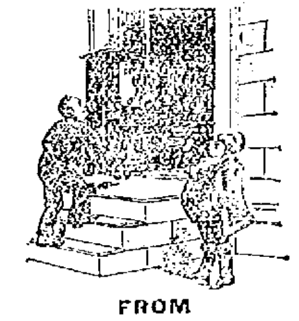

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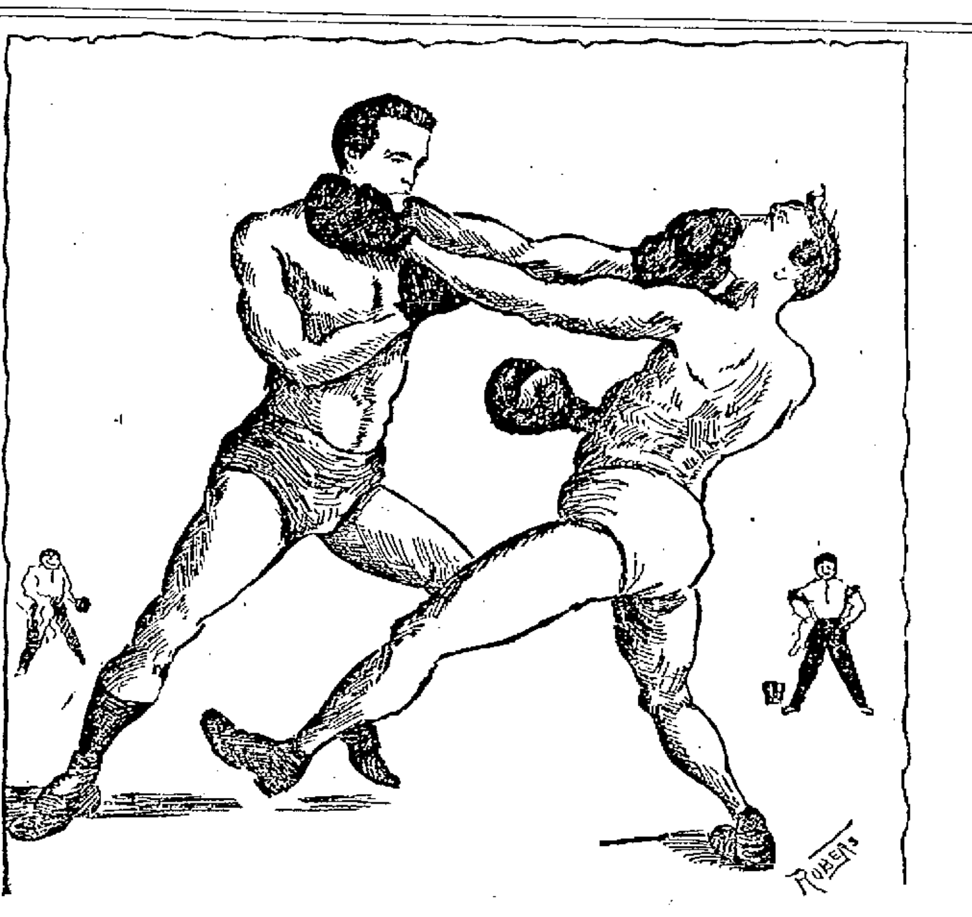

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Along With Pleasing Variety Talent.

About 150 persons attended the boxing and variety exhibition tendered complimentary to Joe Flaherty, the well known boxer, in Associate hall, last evening, at which a fine program was presented. A well known Lynn sport officiated as master of ceremonies and all bouts were of three rounds.

The first was between Mike Scanlan and Jimmie Cameron of Lynn. It was followed by a go between Steve Anderson of Lynn and John Butler, the colored lightweight champion of New England. Butler had the advantage.

Then two local novices, Humphries and Roddy, went up against each other Neither had any science, but both were game and caused great amusement. Both were out to trim each other, and despite the warnings of the referee, hammered away at each other, in clinches and out of them.

The Robinson brothers of Lawrence, who are two very clever boxers, next went their rounds, their trick acts making a hit.

John Morriss of New Bedford gave a clever exhibition of club swinging, and then Tim Keefe and John Rushforth of Lawrence put them on. They went at it for keeps and nearly had a knockout.

Moriarty and Maguire, two Lowell Swedes, had a three-round clinching match. Young Brady, the well known athlete and champion 70-pound boxer, was to have put them on, but they were afraid that Brady might hurt someone and he was not put on.

One of the best bouts of the evening was a three-round go between Martin Flaherty and his old-time rival, Patsy Hennessey of Lawrence, who went at it scientifically to the delight of the crowd. It was announced during this bout that Martin is going over to England to fight Benny Jordan in the near future.

Jack Sullivan and Louis Manville gave the most amusing exhibition of the evening, and good bouts were furnished by Fallon and Robinson of Lawrence and Chisholm and McCarthy of Lowell. The bouts were interspersed with songs by Andrew Burns, clog dancing by Ayotte and King, and songs by James Maguire.

The final bout of the evening was a very entertaining three-round bout between Martin Flaherty and Luke Burke, who is open to fight any 118-pound man in the world. They boxed excellently.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNCILMEN

WILL VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS FOR PRESIDENT AND CLERK.

The nine democratic members of the incoming Common Council will undoubtedly stand together in their choice of candidates for the different municipal offices.

The sentiment now is to have a caucus of the democratic members and to elect one of the number as a candidate for president. Then they will select a candidate for clerk, who will be a democrat.

If the republicans have any fighting over a choice of candidates for these positions, the democrats propose to let them have it out. The democrats see no advantage in voting for a republican. Committee appointments are no longer considered of any service to a member of the Council, and as there is nothing to be gained, it is the proper policy to vote for democrats.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Mr. Joseph P. Dwyer, the well-known violinist, will be pleased to know that he has been appointed a teacher in one of the preparatory classes at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, while at the same time pursuing his studies on the violin.

The condition of Mrs. A. N. Hobbs of High street, who has been ill for some time past remains about the same.

DIVISION 2, A. O. H.

The last meeting of Division 2, A.O.H., for the year 1897, was held last evening in the hall in Howe block. There was a large attendance. The division was never more prosperous, both numerically and financially. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, M. T. McMahon; vice president, Joseph H. Dallagher; recording secretary, Daniel F. Lynch; financial secretary, John J. Lynch; treasurer, M. W. Spillane; physician, Dr. L. J. McDonough; sick committee, Patrick Considine, Jeremiah Hurley, and Patrick Connors; standing committee, Bernard Campion, M. J Gallagher, John B. Clancy, Patrick O'Loughlin, and Timothy Lynch; finance committee, Dennis F. Lynch and James D. Breen; doorkeeper, Daniel J. Murphy; spiritual director, Rev. W. D. Joyce, O.M.I.

EX-MAYOR PEABODY'S BIRTHDAY

Ex-Mayor Josiah G. Peabody yesterday observed his 89th birthday at his home on Wilder street.

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A CUT IN SALARY

Attempt to Reduce Pastor Denney's Wages to $1000

DEFEATED AT THE MT. VERNON CHURCH MEETING.

The Reports of Officers Received.

The opposing factions were in evidence at the Mt. Vernon Free Baptist church last night, when the annual meeting of the society was held.

Perley T. Barker called to order and Mr. Pratt was chosen treasurer.

The reports of the treasurer, collector and auditing committee were read and after some sharp discussion ultimately accepted and adopted. The treasurer's report showed the church to be $900 in debt, but it is understood that there was some money in the hands of the chairman of the committee of the late church fair, who was not present, that would reduce the debt to about $200.

Balloting for officers was next in order and the chair appointed Mr. Thissell, Mr. Coram, who had entered since the meeting was called to order, and Dr. J. V. Pepin, to prepare and count the ballots.

Mr. Thissell read a list of candidates from a printed ballot, which he said had been prepared to expedite matters. This brought out an animated discussion, during which Mr. Amy read an opposing list of nominees.

Mr. Amy's ticket had at the head the name of Mr. W. O. Coram, as moderator for the year, and as the printed ballot contained no candidate for the moderator, it was moved by Mr. Thissell that the clerk be authorized to cast one ballot for Mr. Coram for moderator. It was so voted.

Of the 81 ballots cast, the list of candidates read by Mr. Thissell, received 48 votes. The officers are as follows:

For moderator, W. O. Coram; standing committee, Amasa Pratt, J. A. Coram, E. A. Thissell, George L. Huntoon, Charles Priestly; clerk, Frank Wilbur Stevens; collector, Fred J. Williams; treasurer, Warren T. Griffin, auditors, J. V. Pepin, Amos W. Cogswell.

Mr. A. L. Abbott said that the church was in debt; the members had had to work on short time, and live on half pay and in order to make the thing right, he moved to reduce the pastor's salary from $1500 to $1000 a year.

Mr. Thissell wanted action delayed.

Mr. W. H. Kimball thought that $1500 was quite a tax on a little church of less than 200 members. Furthermore, at the time the salary was raised there were only fifteen present, and the vote stood 8 to 7.

The motion was finally dropped.

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OLD POST OFFICE.

POLICE COURT.

Six drunks.

Jeremiah Sheehan received six months at the state farm and Edward Warsnops took a similar sentence.

John H. Powers goes to jail for a term of four months.

Peter Kelly against whom there were two charges of larceny, was found guilty on both, and was sentenced to three months in jail on each.

Amray Peros was in for drunkenness and larceny.

COON HOLLOW.

The Cincinnati Enquirer said of "A Romance of Coon Hollow": "If a thing of beauty is a joy forever, then Coon Hollow must be just lovely, as it is nightly delighting splendid houses. The scene showing the band of colored boys and girls in songs and dances fairly brings down the house. It differs from the Pickaninny Band in 'In Old Kentucky and The Rising Sun Roarers in 'Blue Jeans,' and is fully the equal of either. Better than this, the play has an interesting and consistent plot, with excellent comedy and the strongly drawn characters have a splendid company to interpret them."

This will be the attraction at Music Hall for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with a special matinee Christmas.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

The work of laying tracks for the electric cars from Rogers street to Tewksbury Centre was begun yesterday morning.

Principal Cyrus A. Durgin of the Bartlett school was elected to membership in the Massachusetts Schoolmasters' club at the December meeting, held at the Brunswick, Boston, Saturday.

SCEPTICS TURN BELIEVERS AND ARE CURED.—"When I read that Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder could relieve catarrh in 10 minutes, I was far from being convinced. I tried it—a single puff through the blower afforded instant relief, stopped pain over the eyes, and cleansed the nasal passages. Today I am free from catarrh." B. L. Eagan's (Easton, Pa.) experience has been that of thousands of others and may be yours.—10.

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A Ship's Bottom

Covered with Barnacles.

As a ship's bottom becomes covered with barnacles after long voyages, that impede its progress, so the inner lining of the stomach becomes changed, unnatural and its action after years of abuse obstructed. The recent discovery of a process for "scrubbing" out the stomach and releasing from the delicate inner tissues accumulations that nature has been unable to repel, is only another endorsement of the celebrated Carlsbad Sprudel Salt, now sold in every drug store of the land. This salt dissolves the mucous coatings, restores to action the full functions of the greatest organ of the body, brings back to full force the digestive powers and, of course, imparts to the whole body through nerves and veins renewed life. Physicians recommend a trip to Carlsbad after fruitless efforts to cure. Why not try Carlsbad Sprudel Salt, an agreeable and cheap aid to nature's great machinery.—From the *Troy Press*.

Notice of appointment of Assignee and second meeting of creditors.

COURT OF INSOLVENCY.

In the case of James S. and James E. Greeley, both of Lowell, in said county, co-partners doing business in said Lowell, under the firm name of Greeley & Son. Notice is hereby given that I have been chosen assignee of the above entitled insolvent estate, and the second meeting of the creditors of said insolvent debtors will be held at the Court of Insolvency at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place creditors can be present and prove their claims.

—Charles T. Rowland,
Assignee.

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For holiday shopping the Lowell merchants have a sufficient variety to suit everybody. A present purchased elsewhere will not be so acceptable as one coming from our own stores.

The amount of money paid out for fire losses in this city last year is quite alarming. If the insurance companies would insist that the city appoint an inspector of wires, the loss by fire would be greatly reduced in consequence.

The Mail stands convicted of having published the only roorback of the campaign, in saying that an out-of-town brewer sent $3500 to a prominent liquor dealer to help the democrats in carrying the city. It is unable to give an iota of proof in substantiation of that story. It was manufactured in the Mail office by the mendacious editor of the most unprincipled and lying paper in New England.

The police commission of Lynn has withdrawn liquor licenses from ten hotels for violation of the law. The commission is sumultaneously praised and blamed for doing its duty, and Lynn is meanwhile terribly agitated over this sensation and the almost daily hold-ups on the public streets. If the police commission would only make a move towards preventing highway robbery and hold-ups in broad daylight, it might accomplish more good than by closing the hotels.

Senator Chandler warns the republican party against the suicidal policy of opening the financial question at the present juncture. If the administration contemplated a fair settlement of the question, Mr. Chandler would not come out with any such warning. He knows that Gage, Hanna, and Morgan will work hand in hand in the effort to turn the currency of the country into the hands of the bankers and this would kill any party, however strong. Mr. Chandler is a thorough believer in bimetallism and cannot consistently support the administration in rehabilitating the gold standard.

Jordan & Marsh of Boston have inaugurated a method of profit sharing with their employes which promises good results for both. The employes of the firm are to receive one per cent. of all sales in addition to their regular salary. This will be an incentive to make as many sales as possible, and will undoubtedly bring larger returns to the house. It is an example that might well be followed by every department store throughout the country. Jordan & Marsh are to be congratulated upon taking the lead in this new movement. When the time arrives that will give the employe a personal interest in the work of his employer, then labor troubles will disappear.

Miss Maud Gonne, the Irish Joan of Arc, must have felt grateful for her brilliant reception in Boston on Sunday evening. But she probably did not realize the real significance of that large gathering. There were present at that meeting three mayoralty candidates and their chief supporters—Mayor Quincy, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Curtis, besides Hon. P. A. Collins, who presided and made a glowing speech. The audience was made up of the supporters of the three candidates, with the admirers of Miss Gonne. It was as much of a political meeting, however, as it was in the interests of Ireland; but Mayor Quincy very wisely refused to speak. Had he consented to speak, there would have been an uproar that he did so to catch votes, while those who are opposed to the Irish movement would probably use the incident to accomplish his defeat.

It is amusing to find in how many ways the pulpit is prostituted to partisan politics. In Boston, on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Brady preached upon the municipal contest, criticizing Mayor Quincy rather severely, though pretending to be entirely fair. Another preacher attacked Mayor Quincy for his cordial reception to John Daly, recently released from a British prison and now lecturing through this country. The preacher held that Daly is a felon and that it was a gross insult to the citizens of Boston for Mayor Quincy to extend to him the freedom of the city. Mr. Daly had been a plitical prisoner, but was never convicted of any crime, and when the preacher says he is a felon, he is about as near the truth as the average sensational preacher usually gets.

THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

It seems very strange that our New England mills should so soon succumb to the effect of Southern competition. If the Southern mills have the advantage of cheap labor and long hours, they have the disadvantage of unskilled labor. Does anybody suppose that the operatives in the South will do as much in eleven hours as our operatives do in nine hours. Our machinery is high speeded; theirs is not; our operatives are experts, their are not; we have bleacheries under experienced workmen, they have not; we are near the market, they are not; we have textile schools, they have not; we turn out fine grades of goods, they do not; and yet in spite of all these advantages we are told that New England mills are suffering from the effect of Southern competition. Verily, it is passing strange. It is a mystery yet unsealed.

There is a rumor that the officials of the American Federation of Labor are in disagreement over the election of officers. The Federation has no time to spend in wrangling upon such questions. There is too much work awaiting its attention in the southern states to permit of any bickerings of this kind. The prompt action of the American Federation of Labor in organizing the southern mill operatives may be instrumental in keeping the New England mills at work. The operatives in New England expect the Federation to act promptly and show the country that it is equal to the emergency which now demands prompt action.

The Boston Central Labor Union has censured one of its members for coming out publicly in favor of one of the candidates for mayor. The labor unions will serve their own interests best by keeping out of politics, or at least by being independent, so as at all times to be free to support their friends.

It looks as if the public would be subjected to another year's agony preliminary to the meeting of Corbett and Fitz in the ring. It will take at least a year to bring about an agreement between them, if we are to judge from precedents.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Hartford Courant—Unhappily, the most dangerous aliens who come to this country are neither illiterates or paupers. The education of some of them has gone a long way beyond mere reading and writing. They have money enough in their pockets to pass the inspectors. They have also wild revolutionary ideas in their heads a-rooted hatred of all law and order in their hearts.

Philadelphia Press—The news that the women in Chambersburg tore feathers from their hats under the stir of fanatical emotions suggests a way out of the theatre difficulty. If the evangelist who has such a horror of feathers will only conduct a crusade in the city, the managers and portion of the audience that eschews big hats or does not wear them, will call him blessed.

Haverhill American—The assault on the civil service law comes from the enraged republican looters who can't get all they have promised to the men who pulled for them in the campaign. It matters nothing to this class that their party platform pledged them to defend and perfect the law. Their appetite for pelf outweighs all considerations of faithfulness to party pronouncements or the good of the public.

Boston Post—The trend of things, as everyone must recognize, is Quincy wards. There has been a steadily rising tide of sentiment favoring Mr. Quincy's re-election which cannot have escaped the notice of intelligent observers in touch with popular opinion. The admirable speech of General Collins has had its effect in arousing the doubtful democrats to a sense of duty to the nominee of their party, and on the other hand the supporters of Mr. Curtis have offered nothing to convince the independent voters of the superior merits of their candidate.

Chicago Times-Herald—British statesmen are now airing their views in the press concerning "Hayti and the Monroe doctrine." They gravely discuss the recent Lueders incident as if it had some direct bearing upon the Monroe doctrine and several Transatlantic journals gleefully assert that the Haytian episode has practically demonstrated that it is now inoperative. By no possible stretch of the imagination can the general proposition advanced by President Monroe concerning European colonization of American territory be made to apply to the recent trouble between Germany and the black republic.

Philadelphia Record—A further proof of the rapidly advancing civilization of the Japanese is the increased demand for paper. The consumption of paper is a measure of progress. Savages have little use for it, but it is one of the necessities of human advancement. The paper for the Japanese trade should be made in the North Pacific states, where there is an abundant water power and raw material of manufacture. The fir tree of the Pacific slope, unlike its resinous congeners on the Atlantic side of the continent has a most tractable and excellent pulp for paper making.

Washington Post—We have been surprised at the heartlessness of two or three newspapers that have protested against any action by the Government for the succor of "the Klondike fools." How many thousands of dollars has our government expended in efforts to rescue arctic explorers? Almost every civilized nation on the globe has fitted out expeditions to go in search of men who started to find the North Pole. If these miners at Dawson City are "fools" and for that reason ought to be left to die what name should be applied to men who push into the Yukon region in defiance of danger? The "Klondike fools" knew that there was gold on the Yukon, and they went for it, making the sad mistake of going at the wrong time. Their object was a good one, for gold would help them and their families and incidentally, the public. But what benefit would it be to any man or his family or his fellowmen if he could penetrate the polar ice to the farthest north? And yet the world admires the courage and fortitude displayed in the useless quest for the North pole, and no nation fails to send a relief expedition when an explorer fails to show up.

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THE ARENA OF POLITICS

WORK FOR DEMOCRATS.

Republicans Should Be Forced to Show Their Hands.

PLATFORM PLEDGES TO BE EVADED

Greenback Retirement Will Have Little Support Unless Pushed by the Money Power — Democrats in a Position to Strengthen the Party.

The Republican congress met under somewhat different auspices from those promised by the prophets of the party 12 months ago. The declaration was fully made then that by the time congress met in regular session the people would be enjoying a high tide of prosperity, with all the more serious problems settled by the course the Republicans would be able to give to events.

As a matter of fact the government is in a worse condition financially than it was 12 months ago, and this in spite of the fact that the Republican party has met in extra session and passed a tariff law which was intended to produce a surplus of revenue instead of a deficit, and which, Mr. McKinley declared, would open the mills to labor and raise prices and wages.

More than that, the Republican congressmen meet in no humor to carry out the pledges they made during the campaign. They shake their heads when the subject of currency reform is mentioned and smile dubiously over the Cuban problem, which touches the sympathies and interests of our whole people, with the exception of a few Tories.

So far as currency reform is concerned, it is practically settled that what is to be undertaken is to be in the nature of a sham reform. The president's message means that. Even Mr. Reed, powerful as he is in suppressing the will of Republican congressmen, will be unable to force a bill retiring the greenbacks through the house. Instead of attempting the impossible, the leaders are already saying that the senate cannot be prevailed on to accept any real measure of reform.

But this is simply an excuse for not carrying out their pledges. The senate will accept any real reform, but it will not accept any measure calculated to contract the currency, nor will the Democrats and those who act with them repudiate the Chicago platform by supporting propositions intended to evade or deceive.

There are numbers of western Republican congressmen who may be depended on to oppose greenback retirement in any shape as stoutly as the Democrats will. Nobody knows this better than the Republican leaders, and the result will be an attempt on their part to evade the whole question of currency reform on the line indicated by the president.

There is only one emergency that will bring the party leaders up to the point of committing themselves in a formal way to greenback retirement. As that emergency can be very easily created by the money power it may be used to spur the Republicans on. We refer to a probable raid on the treasury by the "international" syndicates. Circumstances have not as yet made such drastic performance either desirable or necessary, but if the money power thinks it can dragoon the Republicans into pushing forward the legislation it is scheming for the export of gold will begin whether the course of exchange makes it profitable or unprofitable.

A repetition of the tactics of the money power when the repeal of the Sherman law was up for discussion would prove very embarrassing to Mr. McKinley and very damaging to the Republican party, for it would involve the issue of a couple of hundred millions of 4 per cent bonds in time of peace. As a result of it the congressional elections next year would give the Democrats a majority in the house too large to be comfortable.

Another matter which the Republican leaders are shaking their heads over is the Cuban question. The president's message shows that the party is prepared to nullify the pledge made in its platform, and its newspaper organs are beginning to sound the praises of the Spanish decree of Cuban autonomy. The praise is faint now, but it will swell louder as the season progresses. One prominent organ declares that "the decree is by far the most generous ever promulgated by the Madrid government," and that "for once in the long history of Spanish rule in Cuba an experiment in rational government is to be tried." That "rational government" is a military dictatorship, the dictator being the governor general.

Senator Mason of Illinois having declared that his party should carry out its promises to interfere "to stop the war and give independence to Cuba," The Times-Herald of Chicago declares he is standing on a Populist platform. But the Republican platform does declare, "We believe the government of the United States should use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island." If the English language means anything, the Republicans are pledged to restore peace and give independence to Cuba. But now we see that the pledge is a fraud, for Mr. McKinley has already stated that the Spaniards should have more time to add to their crimes and butcheries in Cuba.

The Democratic policy in congress is very simple. It consists merely in forcing the Republicans to show their hands on all the issues made important in the last campaign, to drive them to the point of exposing their plans and schemes, to uncover their plan of currency reform and to compel them to declare their Cuban policy.

All the conditions are favorable to the Democrats. They are in a position where they can begin and carry on a campaign in behalf of their party that will result in a tremendous victory next year and an overwhelming one in 1900.—Atlanta Constitution.

BOXING GOSSIP.

The bouts scheduled for the remainder of the week are:

Tuesday—Joe Walcott vs. Tom Tracy, Steve Flanagan vs. Joe Sturch, and Ed Lantry vs. H. Harris, Chicago. Dick O'Brien vs. Dick Burge, 20 rounds, Olympic A. C., Birmingham, England. Mike Leonard vs. Matt Matthews, 20 rounds, Rienza A. C., Rochester. Jack Bain vs. Pat Schultz, 20 rounds, Dunkirk, N. Y., A. C.

Wednesday—Kid Lavigne vs. Young Griffo, 20 rounds; Henry Baker vs. Joe Colton, 10 rounds; Oakland, Cal. Smoke talk at Institute hall, East Cambridge.

Thursday—Steve Crosby vs. Oscar Gardner, 20 rounds, Kentucky A. C., Louisville.

If history repeats itself, Joe Walcott will carry off first honors in his battle with Tom Tracy at Chicago on Tuesday night. In each of the various bouts in which they have met up to date, the Barbadoan has had the call at the finish and would have obtained the decision had one been given.

Dick O'Brien and Dick Burge are to settle their differences on Tuesday night at Birmingham, England. Burge has seldom been successful against men in weight classes above him and the chances seem to be against his success in the O'Brien fight.

Who is to meet McCoy? The question, is apparently unanswerable. At present the only aspirant is Joe Choynski. Choynski is a "light" heavyweight and could easily get down to 165 or 162 pounds. A contest between these two would be worth going to see. There is some talk about each being anxious to meet the other. If they should meet, the odds will be very slightly in favor of McCoy, based upon physique and experience. McCoy could take on fifteen pounds without losing his wonderful agility.

And just here a hitherto unprinted anecdote in the life of McCoy will illustrate his confidence in his own ability. It is a fact not generally known that McCoy and Choynski gave each other a thorough testing on the stage of the Buckingham Theatre in Louisville, and the only witnesses to it were Colonel John Whallen, Bob Smith, who was then ticket man at the theatre, and one or two others whose names are not remembered. The fight occurred one afternoon about two years ago. Choynski, McCoy, Ily Murphy, Jim Francy and Charlie Burns were there with what was known as Billy Thompson's all-star aggregation of pugilists. McCoy was a welterweight at that time and he was in training for his fight with Dick Moore, which took place ten days later at the Buckingham Theatre. Choynski was also in training for his prospective fight with Joe Goddard.

On the afternoon in question, the little crowd of onlookers had watched both men punch the bag until they appeared almost exhausted. After a rest of several minutes, McCoy said to Choynski:

"Joe, let's put 'em on for a while."

"All right," replied Choynski.

Then both men donned the gloves and stood up to spar. They were in the best of humor and were good friends. As they walked up to each other, Choynski said:

"What'll it be, Kid? Spar or rough?"

"Hit any way you want to," replied "the Kid," evidently anxious for the few onlookers to believe that he could take punishment.

It is said that this fight was one of the fiercest and most stubbornly contested which ever came off in that city. The encounter lasted for at least twenty minutes. Several times during the fight, Colonel Whallen and others tried to stop it, but without success. They hit in clinches and out of clinches, and both were as bloody as "Fitz" was in that memorable sixth round at Carson City. It was plain to all that both were trying for a knock-out, but it came to neither, probably because of the quickness and cleverness of both. They fought this way until both sank down exhausted, when they were helped to their chairs. Choynski's only remark after he got his breath, was:

"I didn't think it was in the Kid."

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The feasts for the remainder of the week are

Tuesday, St. Thomas, The Apostle; Wednesday, St. Zeno, Martyr; Thursday, St. Victoria, Virgin and Martyr; Friday, St. Thrailia and St. Emiliana, and the vigil of Christmas, which will be a fast day of obligation.

The festival of Christmas, the mother festival of the year, will be observed with solemnity.

Confessions will not be heard in the Catholic churches next Saturday. Those who desire to receive communion on Sunday must receive permission from their confessor on Friday.

OLD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Old Residents' Historical association will be held at Memorial hall, Tuesday, December 21, at 7.30 o'clock sharp. Three very interesting papers are to be read as follows:

"Lowell's Once Popular Weekly Newspaper—The Vox Populi, 1841-1896. Its Rise, Progress and Decline," by Z. E. Stone.

"John Eliot's Work in Wamesit," by Charles Cowley, LL.D.

"The Folks at the Neck (now Lowell) in Ye Olden Time," by H. S. Perham.

A large attendance is desired and you are permitted to invite anyone interested.

LOWELL WOMAN'S CLAIM.

The committee on claims in Haverhill met Friday evening and heard several cases, but not action was taken. The first case heard was that of Mrs. Hathaway of Lowell, who was struck by the hose during the trial at Washington square the day of the firemen's parade, Merchants' Week. A settlement was not reached.

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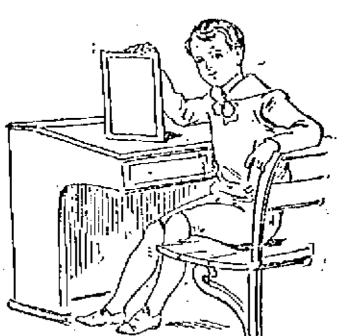

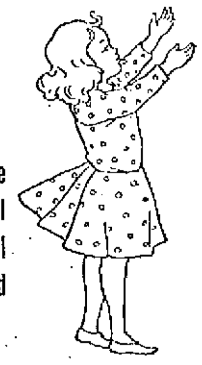

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Ernest of Brooklyn Defeated by a Pennsylvania Man.

Sent Tottering to the Ropes by a Blow—Final Swing on the Jaw Left the Gladiator Helpless.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Jack Bennett of McKeesport, Pa., knocked out Billy Ernst of Brooklyn in the 18th round at the room of the Olympic club at Athens, Pa., last night. The bout was scheduled for 15 rounds, and was Bennett's from start to finish. He floored Ernst in the first round and got first blood in the next. From then until the eighth Bennett did most of the leading and there was a number of rapid exchanges, in most of which Bennett had the best of it.

Ernst was tired when he came to time in the ninth round. The tenth was an easy one, but in the eleventh Bennett sent Ernst to the ropes. The Brooklyn boy rallied in the next and did some upper-cutting. In the thirteenth, Bennett landed hard on the jaw, and followed with several left swings which sent Billy tottering to the ropes, where a final swing caught him on the jaw, and he went down and out.

WHEELMEN'S PRESIDENCY.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Potter of the League of American Wheelmen has received word from the officers of western divisions stating that an attempt is being made by Sterling Elliott of Massachusetts, his former rival for the presidency, to secure Potter's defeat for re-election. Elliott has wired the western chief consuls the inquiry: "Will you stand with Pennsylvania and Massachusetts for Gideon?" This, it is claimed, indicates that Elliott has abandoned the idea of being a candidate himself.

Mr. Potter's New York friends say that they do not regard this new development seriously. They assert that they already have 75 per cent of the assembly votes secured. They also say that Gideon's candidacy is impossible because of recent action of the Pennsylvania delegation in committing the support of that state to Mr. Keehan as a Pennsylvania candidate for the first vice presidency.

FICTITIOUS REPUTATION.

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—"Bill" Hefferman of Johannesburg, South Africa, who has been touted as a second Fitzsimmons, made his initial appearance in an American ring last night in what was to have been a 20-round bout with Tommy Ryan of Syracuse. Hefferman proved to be the easiest victim that Ryan has ever met. The men weighed in at 150 pounds. Hefferman was tall and lanky, with a long reach, which, however, was no obstacle to the Syracuse man, who landed when and where he pleased. Hefferman was slow and awkward, and Ryan played with him for three rounds while the crowd laughed derisively.

In the third round Hefferman was sent to the floor by a left on the chin and took the limit in getting up. He went down again a moment later from a right hander on the jaw and was counted out.

Kid McPartland was present and challenged the winner to fight at the welter-weight limit.

PETER MAHER'S CHALLENGE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Peter Maher's backers have received several replies to their challenge to fight any man in the world for the heavyweight championship. Among these was one from Billy Madden, saying he could secure a $10,000 purse for a go at Little Rock in March between Maher and Gus Ruhlin.

Norton of San Francisco notified Peter that the fight arranged for between him and Jackson was still on, and conflicting dates must not be made for other fights. Maher intends to carry out his agreement for the Jackson fight to come off in February, but is anxious to meet Ruhlin also. Arrangements are therefore being made contingent on the San Francisco battle to go after the Little Rock purse in March or thereabouts.

A BASEBALL POSSIBILITY.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—After having the eighth franchise of the Western league practically awarded to Omaha, Manager McKee notified the baseball magnates in session here that the conditions that would have to be fulfilled were too hard, and he declined the honor of managing a team in the western city. What the inward meaning of Omaha's withdrawal is was the subject of much speculation. McKee is confessedly a Spaulding man, and it was hinted, though no one would admit the truth of the rumor, that behind it lay a plan for the placing of a Western league club in Chicago with Captain Anson as manager.

SUCCUMBED TO A BLOW.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 21.—What is claimed to be the record in knockouts was made last night at the Hoffman club room, when Mike Ziggins of this city put Tom Moran of Malden out in three and one-half seconds. The previous record was six seconds.

George and Dan Murray of this city fought six rounds for a draw, and John Dwyer of South Boston was defeated by Tom Carpenter in three rounds.

POLO GAMES LAST NIGHT.

At Salem—Pawtuckets, 4; Salems, 1.

At Providence—Providences, 11; New Bedfords, 6.

At Rockland—Rocklands, 7; Augustas, 3.

At Gardiner—Gardiners, 2; Lewistons, 3.

At Wallingford—Meridans, 15; Wallingfords, 5.

At New Britain—Waterburys, 4; New Britains, 3.

PATSY WAS WORSTED.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—Patsy Callahan of Trenton was knocked out in the eighth round by young Sykes of Philadelphia before the Trenton Athletic club last night.

AGAINST THE REFORM LAW.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate committee on civil service and retrenchment questioned Commissioner of Pensions Evans yesterday about the civil service system and its application to the force of the pension office. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted that it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so-called spoils system. They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing.

He believed that the head of a bureau was the best qualified person to pass on the efficiency of a clerk, and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office, not exceeding 10 years, so that every year about 10 per cent of new blood could be infused into the force. This would do away with the resulting abuses from some clerks remaining in office too long.

He thought that some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list. He believed it was a mistake to include in the classified service the special examiners, medical boards, chiefs of divisions and all others receiving salaries exceeding $1400.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Farmington, Me., Dec. 21.—In the Maine Central railroad yard Monday afternoon a Maine Central engine collided with a Sandy River engine, throwing the latter from the track and demolishing the engine. William Barker of Phillips, engineer of the Sandy River locomotive, was so terribly crushed by the cab of his engine that he died shortly afterwards.

The Maine Central engine, in charge of Robert H. Lombard, was backing from the depot on the main track, the signals giving it the right of way, although the little engine was under orders to make up a special train for Fairbanks. Fireman Plaisted on the latter engine was backing towards the turntables, the track crossing that of the Maine Central at a sharp angle. Engineer Barker saw the danger and jumped on his engine to reverse it, but he was not quick enough, and the big freight engine crashed into the Sandy River engine, pushing it off the tracks. Fireman Plaisted jumped and was saved, but Barker was under the wreck. The Maine Central engine was not damaged.

DENIES HIS SIGNATURE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Four notes for $1000 each, held by Judge William A. Vincent, formerly counsel for Adolph Luetgert, and given in payment for legal services, are said to bear forged endorsements. The notes are signed by Luetgert and endorsed with the name of Paul H. Jaeschke, a plumber and real estate owner. Jaeschke denies emphatically that the endorsements are his. Judge Vincent is said to have advanced Luetgert $1000 in cash on the strength of these notes.

Arnold Luetgert admits that he forged the Vincent notes amounting to $4750 and victimized others to the extent of over $1000. He is the son of Adolph Luetgert. Arnold Luetgert laughed when it was suggested that trouble might come of his free use of signatures not his own, and said that he considered it a good joke on Vincent.

"It's a matter between Vincent and me. I ain't afraid, and Vincent's holler won't do him no good."

NEW TARIFF LAW.

New York, Dec. 21.—The enforcement of a paragraph of the new tariff law, which imposes a specific duty on foreign made watch movements, has caused much dissatisfaction among the importers of such movements in this city, and protests have been filed with the general appraisers with a view of obtaining a legal construction of the new law.

Under the old tariff imported watches were admitted at an advalorem duty. The present law requires that watch movements shall pay a specific duty, whether imported in cases or not, according to the number of jewels contained. Besides these specific duties there is a general advalorem duty of 25 per cent, and parts of watches are assessed at 40 per cent advalorem. The point which the importers desire to have definitely determined is whether certain importations shall be classed as watch movements or parts of watches.

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VESSELS MISSING

From the Gloucester Fishing Fleet.

THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE FOUNDERED.

The Crew are Nearly all Lost.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Oct. 1 schooner Annie and Mary, Captain John Sigsworth, sailed on a hand-lining trip to Georges banks. She carried an exceptionally good crew of about 13 men, several of whom had previously sailed as captains, but owing to their vessels hauling up for the winter, or possibly for a change of luck, they went on this trip with Captain Sigsworth, who has always been noted as a lucky fisherman. Oct. 26 the vessel put in at Long Island, Me., for a second supply of bait. Soon after the vessel left Long Island the North Atlantic fishing grounds were swept by severe gales, in which many Gloucester craft narrowly escaped foundering, while nearly all made provincial ports in badly damaged condition. The Annie and Mary was not among the number, and no tidings of her have ever been received.

The trip the schooner was on usually takes from three to six weeks, and it is believed that Captain Sigsworth was provisioned for only four weeks. It will be 12 weeks next Friday since the vessel sailed away. The shipping list of the schooner is not fully known, as Captain Sigsworth owned and fitted out his vessel and carried his crew list with him. Among those known to be on her were the following: Captain John Sigsworth, 50, leaves a wife and one daughter; Adam Head, cook, 62, widower, leaves two sons, Gloucester; Lyman Gearing, 36, leaves a wife, one child; Peter Roberts, 50, leaves a wife; David Campbell, 45, leaves a wife and four children; William Phillips, 52, leaves a wife; Frank Small, 45, single; John Nelson, 35, single; Lemuel Cantelo, 38, single; Frank Calder, 25, single; John Ryan, 35, single.

The Annie and Mary was of 72.29 tons burden, built at Essex in 1881, and was valued at $3500. She was insured for $2700 on the vessel and $800 on the outfit.

Another Gloucester vessel which is long overdue and which is given up as lost is the John E. McKenzie, Captain Andrew McKenzie, which sailed for a six weeks' fresh halibut trip to the Grand banks. She has been gone 11 weeks. Her owners will wait until after the new year before publishing the crew list. The McKenzie was the largest and best fitted vessel sailing from this port and her crew included 13 picked sailors.

NOTICE TO OFFICE SEEKERS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—For the benefit of the expectant it is given out that no appointments will be made by the president during the holiday recess of congress except in case of emergency. Despite the announcement of this fact, the number of visitors at the White House Monday was unusually large. Representative Brosius, chairman of the house civil service committee, had an extended conference about the operation of the civil service law. The president is availing himself of the opportunity to talk freely with senators and representatives concerning the law and the effort that is now being made to secure its modification. He is being urged to except some positions that are now in the classified service, but it is said that he has not yet seriously considered the question of modifying the law.

AGAINST AUTONOMY.

New York, Dec. 21.—Copies of the statement signed by the officers of the Fourth army corps of the Cuban army operating in the department of Las Villas, renewing allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city yesterday. This action by the officers of the Las Villas department makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers.

The statement says in part: "We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain. We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence, which must be agreed to with our government and the assembly of representatives."

STRIKE VERY PROBABLE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The coal operators and miners held a convention yesterday preliminary to the joint convention to be held today for the purpose of fixing the mining rate for 1898.

Judging from the results it would appear that today's convention will not fix the rate, and another general strike is one of the possibilities.

On the rate question the miners passed a resolution which means a complicated fight. In spite of the fact that the courts have ruled that the new mining law is unconstitutional, the resolution demands a rate of 49 cents a ton for coal as it comes from the mine without being screened. The operators decided to ignore the new law entirely.

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THE FALL RIVER OPERATIVES

Submit a Definite Proposition to Their Employers.

Relative to the Proposed Cut Down of Wages—The Situation in the Other Mills—All the Manchester Mills Follow the Amoskeag Example.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The conference of labor leaders and manufacturers which has been looked forward to as being a factor in the situation which might over-come the actual facts was held Monday afternoon in the rooms of the Manufacturers' association. The representatives of the labor unions submitted three propositions, and each of the delegates made some comment thereon. At the conclusion the manufacturers decided to take them under consideration, and will give a written answer this afternoon. These propositions were formulated at a meeting of committees of the unions last week, and are as follows:

"First—It being the general opinion that there will be an improvement during the ensuing year and that manufacturing will be in a far more prosperous condition than at present, we request our manufacturers to postpone the present reduction until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time, we will hold another conference with a view of settling the wage question.

"Second—Believing that reducing wages is not a remedy for an overstocked market, we respectfully request our manufacturers to work four days per week until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference.

"Third—If either of the above propositions is not accepted and we cannot settle the question satisfactorily, we are willing to submit our case to the state board of arbitration, wages to remain as at present until the state board makes its report."

The report of the meeting of delegates also states that at their meeting "the question of overtime running with two sets of help was discussed also and the recovery of lost time. The delegates were of the opinion that efforts should be made to put a stop to it, as it is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction."

After the submittal of their propositions, the present conditions of trade, the causes which have led up to them and the matter of southern competition were discussed at great length, and it was after over two hours of deliberation that the conference adjourned. The manufacturers were very open in giving the reasons which caused their action, and they answered all questions with equal freedom. There was nothing about the conference that either side will regret, as perfect harmony prevailed at all times. The discussion was entered into principally by Dr. Davis of the manufacturers, Secretary O'Donnell and Treasurer Golden of the spinners, Secretaries Whitehead of the weavers, Tansy of the carders and McCarthy of the loom-fixers.

Secretaries O'Donnell and Whitehead both expressed themselves after the conference as being in every way satisfied, as they felt that they had made a strong impression on the manufacturers and hoped that their propositions would lead to a postponement of action at present.

After the adjournment of the conference the manufacturers listened to a delegation of the Slasher Tenders' union which asked a special hearing on their agreement with the manufacturers.

THE FALL RIVER EXAMPLE.

Suncook, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices have been posted at the China, Pembroke and Webster cotton mills here announcing a reduction of the wages of the operatives of about 10 per cent. on Jan. 1. The cutdown will affect the superintendents and overseers and, in fact, all the employes of the three corporations.

The order will affect nearly 1600 operatives. The monthly payroll amounts to about $27,000. The three mills are engaged in the manufacture of print cloth, the class of goods being the same as those made at Fall River, although the printing is not done here. The production, when all three plants are at their full capacity and on full time, amounts to about 1,300,000 yards per week.

ACCEPTS THE DECISION.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The position of the Fall River Iron Works company, which employes 3000 operatives, on the wage question is determined by the announcement of the owner, M. C. D. Borden of New York, that he will abide by the decision and recommendations of the manufacturers' committee, having no desire to oppose them in any course which they may think for the benefit of the cotton industry in Fall River. He is willing to reduce wages to a point 20 per cent below the present basis if the committee should so decide, and therefore the reduction, if not changed by the conference, will affect his employes.

ALL IN MANCHESTER.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices of a 10 per cent reduction in wages have been posted in the Amory, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills in this city. The 11,000 in those mills, together with the employes of the Amoskeag corporation, will make a total of about 20,000 in this city to be affected by the reduction. The Stark mills operate 80,000 spindles and the Amory 119,000.

A TERRIFIC CRASH

A Runaway Electric Smashes Into a Horse Car.

PASSENGERS ENVELOPED IN THE BURNING WRECK.

Many Fatally Injured—The Wreck Burned up.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—A trolley car on the Roxboro electric road on the outskirts of the city, while descending a hill yesterday, became unmanageable on account of the slippery tracks and, descending at full speed, struck a horse car at the foot of the incline. It ploughed through one end of it and brought up against a trolley pole.

The roof of the trolley car fell in on the passengers, the stove upset and the wreck caught fire. J. B. Lamon, conductor of the runaway car, suffered injuries which will necessitate the amputation of a leg and arm, and may result in his death. The motorman and five passengers were severely cut and bruised. The wreckage was consumed by the flames.

THREE WERE DROWNED.

Gardner, Mass., Dec. 21.—George Morin, 15 year old, was dragging a girl named Leder Charland, 13 years old, on the ice when suddenly they were precipitated into the water. A companion, who was a short distance away, managed to reach the shore and gave the alarm. Both children had gone down only to come up under the ice, and when their bodies were recovered, sometime afterward, it was too late to resuscitate them.

Frank Waterman, 15 years old, was the third victim of the day, meeting his death by the breaking of the ice on which he was skating.

THE ICE WAS THIN.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 21.—While skating last night, four young persons were precipitated into the water by the breaking of the ice. William Newman, aged 19; Rose Newman, aged 16, and Michael Coleman, aged 20, were drowned; Lizzie Coleman was rescued. The dead were all residents of this place.

Fire, Smoke and Water. Big sale of ladies' and gents' clothing at Central Supply Co., 117 Merrimack street, over Moir Bros. Cash or credit.

WEYLER'S PRINCIPAL MISSION.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—The National says that Weyler's principal mission in life at the present moment is to defend the army and his command in Cuba against the "insults" alleged to have been contained in President McKinley's recent message to congress, and that he will energetically protest to the minister for war (General Correa) and to the queen regent against the "insults," at the same time justifying the acts of the army.

ORDERED TO RESIGN.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The supervisors have passed an order requesting County Treasurer Clark to resign within 24 hours. In case of his refusal to do so, it is stated that charges will be preferred against him before Governor Black. The expert accountants who are examining the books of the county treasurer have found a shortage of $28,000. Their labors are not yet complete.

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STOCKING UP FOR X'MAS

Where the Poor Man Goes to do His Annual Shopping.

"See the tide of human beings,
How it surges, how it rolls!
Oh, what base, ignoble faces!
Oh, what bodies, lacking souls!"

New York.—So sang Gotham's "Mad Poet" many years ago, after a Christmas Eve stroll along the densely crowded thoroughfares on the East Side.

"Stroll?" some one inquires.

No, he didn't stroll; he was jostled on every side, rudely pushed along and tossed like a cork on the seething stream of humanity which remorselessly and resistlessly swept everything before it.

It would require the pen of Dickens to adequately describe a night scene in the shopping district of Grand street just before Christmas. It is a veritable human kaleidoscope, ever changing, ever new and fascinating.

Here may be seen every type of humanity, save the ultra-fashionable folks who are seldom seen on the great East Side except when indulging in the fad known as "slumming." The society belle may be highly amused by the "tough girl," as depicted on the stage, but to encounter her face to face, in a crowded street at night, would prove a shock from which the grande dame might never recover.

Here she comes, the typical, genuine "tough girl" of the East Side, accompanied by her "steady." They are out ostensibly for the purpose of Christmas shopping, but the gifts they may purchase will not require the need of an express wagon for their delivery.

The girl is arrayed in an old-style cutaway jacket, and has her hands thrust into the pockets, her elbows are held at an angle which compels passers-by to dodge in order to save their ribs; her bedraggled skirt trails on the sidewalk behind, but is raised sufficiently in front to disclose disreputable-looking shoes. Of course she is chewing gum. Her escort, or "steady," as she affectionately terms him, has the stump of a cigar in his mouth; his clothes are almost loud enough to drown the roar of the street, and his queer derby hat is cocked over his right eye, which has evidently been recently "frescoed" by some pugilistic rival.

They converse in a language quite unintelligible to the average being unfamiliar with the patois of the East Side.

"Say, Mag, what cher goin' ter gimme fer me Kersmus?" gruffly demands the young "gent," punctuating his query with a tender poke in the side of the tough girl.

"Ah, g'wan wid yer!" she coyly replies. "I'll slap yer mug if yer say Kersmus to me. Yer know dat de times ain't what dey used ter be. See?"

Clutching his arm, she fairly drags him through the crowd of women which surges in front a milliner's shop where is displayed a dazzling array of most gaudy hats and bonnets. Pointing to a monstrosity with waving plumes and rainbow-hued ribbons, she exclaimed:

"Hully gee! Isn't dat a peach? Aw, say, Chimmie, if yer want ter make yerself solid wid me, jest put dat 'ere topknot in me Kersmus socks. See?"

"Ah, come an! Yer make me tired. What a fine lookin' plum yer'd be wid dat peach on yer nut!"

Then he hauls her away, out of temptation's reach, and they are soon lost to sight in the throng.

One of the most pathetic scenes at this joyous season of the year is the poor little children who stand for hours in front of a toy store or confectioner's shop, pressing their pinched faces against the plate-glass windows, gazing at the wonders therein displayed, in hopeless and mute admiration. Most of them know only from heresay that Santa Claus is the patron saint of children, but he has never honored their poverty-stricken homes with a visit. The only Christmas trees they have ever danced before were in the shop windows, and the only toys they have played with were picked up from the gutters.

On the side streets are hundreds of peddlers' carts, heaped high with every conceivable kind of commodity, from a Christmas card to a plush album. The flaring lamps cast a weird glow upon the faces of the vendors, whose shrill cries are almost deafening. Crowds gather around the carts, and the low-priced goods are eagerly bought by small-pursed buyers, most of whom prefer quantity to quality. Haggling over bargains and wrangling over purchases are frequent, and swell the discordant strain which permeates the neighborhood.

While every shop window has its share of admirers, the gaudily-decorated ones attract the largest crowds. Here and there a big policeman is seen trying to disperse the throngs, but his efforts are in vain. Despite this aggravating state of affairs, he manages as a rule to maintain his temper and generally passes along, after a peremptory "Come now, git a move on yez!"

The pawnshops present a tempting display of accordeons, concertinas, banjos, cornets, guitars, violins, watches, revolvers, diamonds (paste and otherwise), jewelry and a varied assortment of goods which are offered at "holiday prices."

There is not such a demand for books as in the West Side, although the East Side dealers in holiday literature do a fair business.

The popular dry-goods stores on Grand street do a tremendous business the week before Christmas, and several of them keep open night after night in order to accommodate patrons whose hours of toil will not permit them to do their shopping during the day.

Christmas Eve in the East Side shopping district is by far the liveliest night of the year, and until nearly twelve o'clock the principal thoroughfares, particularly the narrow streets, are well-nigh impassable.

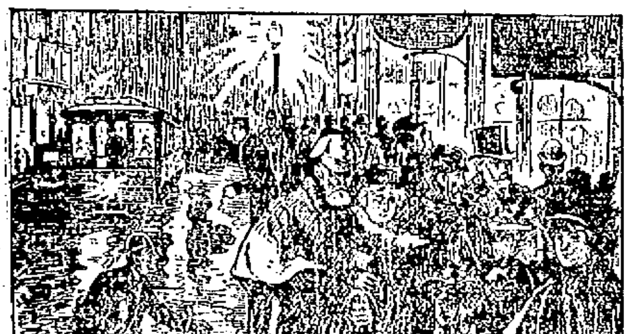
At the stroke of midnight the ear-splitting blasts from thousands of tin horns rend the air, and from thousands of throats come the deafening cries.

"Merry Kersmus! Merry Kersmus!"

And the tough young woman who is being escorted home by her "steady" stops chewing gum long enough to ejaculate,

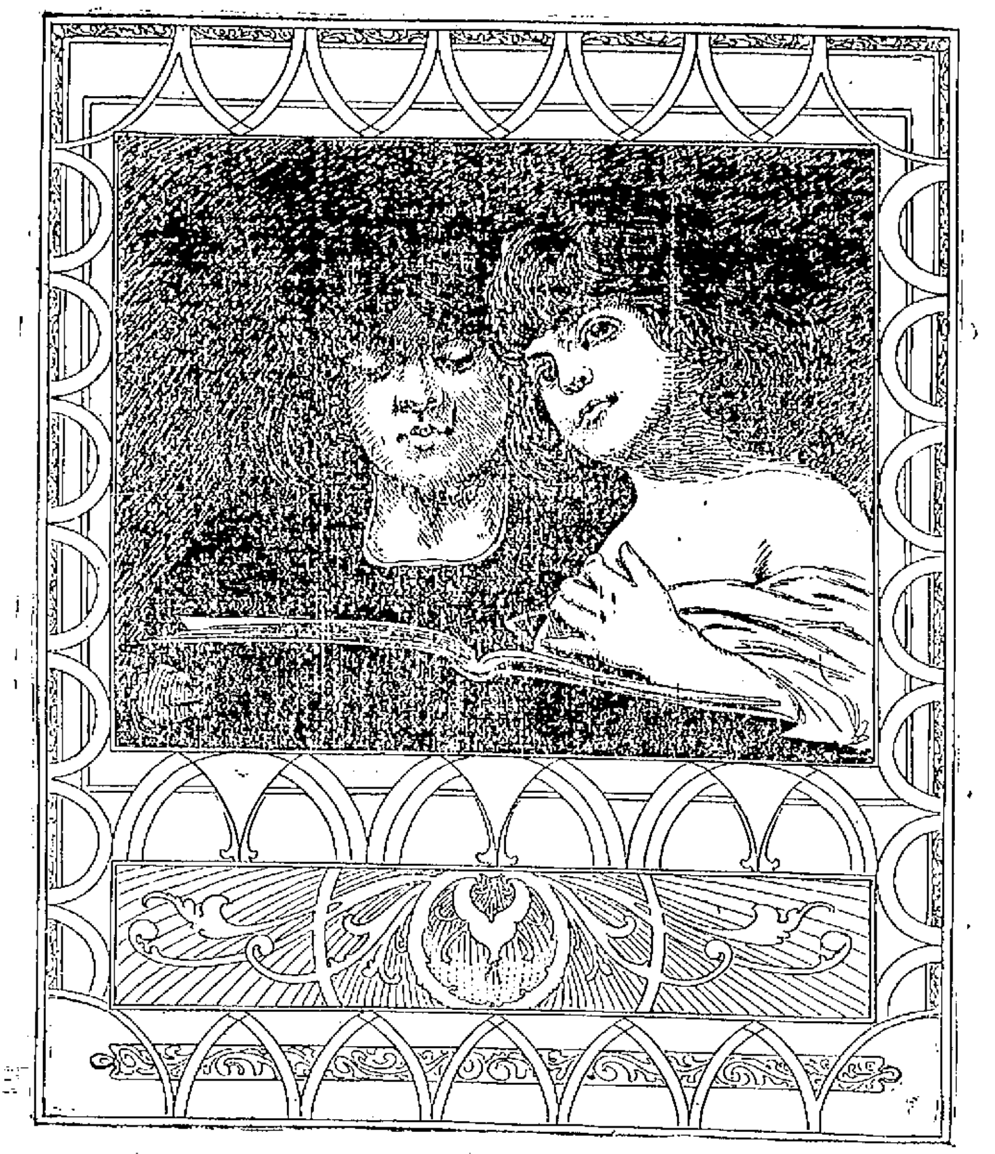
"Ah, whatcher givin' us? See!"

BERNARD THOMAS.



ON NEW YORK'S GRAND STREET DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



The village-bells, with silver chime,
Come softened by the distant shore;
Though I have heard them many a time,
They never rung so sweet before.

A silence rests upon the hill,
A listening awe pervades the air;
The very flowers are shut and still,
And bowed as if in prayer.

And in this hushed and breathless close,
O'er earth and air and sky and sea,
A still low voice in silence goes,
Which speaks alone, great God, of Thee.

—Thomas Miller.

CAROLINGS.

But chiefest among all the pastimes at this season came that mumming, or masquerading, of which the modern pantomime is the survival. An old madrigal begins thus:

To shorten winter's sadness,
See where the folks with gladness
Disguised all are coming,
Right wantonly a-mumming.
Fa, la.

"St. George and the Dragon" was the favorite subject with the mummers, and all ranks, from the monarch downwards, found amusement in watching their performances and antics, for to make people merry was their principal aim.

And all over these sports ruled the "Lord of Misrule," who as master of the ceremonies during the Christmas revels, was a veritable king. The court, universities, landed gentry, etc., all elected this "Master of Merry Disports," as he was also called, and allowed him to do as he liked during his twelve days of office.

He had leave, to quote from an old document, "to command all and every person whatsoever to be at his command, and to do him good service whensoever he will, and has authority to break open the doors of those who presume to disobey his lordship's commands." That this license led to great abuses we can readily believe.

This mock sovereignty was sometimes very costly, for we learn that, in 1635, the "Lord of Misrule" for the Inns of Court expended from his private purse no less a sum than £2,000. But he seems to have been an unusually grand potentate, for he had his "lord keeper and treasurer, his guard of honor, and even his two chaplains, who preached before him on Sunday in the Temple Church." All very childish, we may think now, but had we lived in those days we might have gladly welcomed anything that made a variety in our somewhat humdrum life.

The first Christmas tree in England was erected for the amusement of the present Prince of Wales when he was about four years old. Prince Albert ornamented it for the heir-apparent, and the people were so well pleased with the idea that every year thereafter Christmas trees made a feature of the court celebration.

According to tradition, the bodies of the three Magi, or "Kings of the East," who brought gifts, frankincense and myrrh to the Holy Babe at Bethlehem, are buried in the Cathedral of Cologne, Germany.

"Did you ever hear how the youthful brethren and sisters of the Mennonite faith carry their courtships?" asked an old resident of Germantown, whose ancestors worshipped in the Mennonite Church on Main street, above Herman, built in 1770. "When a brother in the church wants to marry a sister he does not make his wishes known directly to her, but goes to the minister and tells him his secret. The minister, if pleased with the match, carries the lover's message. The sister is usually surprised, as this is supposed to be her first intimation of the young man's love. If the proposal is received with favor, the negotiations are carried on by the minister. The ceremony always takes place in a church. No invitations are issued, but the bans are proclaimed from the pulpit two weeks beforehand. During this period the groom is permitted to visit his intended without the intervention of a third party. After the wedding a dinner is always served, after which bride and groom go to their respective homes and remain apart for several days. The marriages in the church are generally happy ones and there is no record of any of the members ever suing for divorce.—

Little Girl—Mrs. Brown, ma wants to know if she could borrow a dozen of eggs. She wants to put 'em under a hen.

Neighbor—So you've got a hen setting, have you? I didn't know you kept hens?

Little Girl—No, ma'am, we don't; but Mrs. Smith's going to lend us a hen that's going to set, an' ma thought if you'd lend us some eggs we'd find a nest ourselves.—Household Words.

"You think your son would make us a satisfactory errand boy, do you?" inquired the merchant.

"Whatever he does, sor, he does very quick," replied Mrs. Moriarty.

"James," replied the merchant, turning to the boy, "take this note up to the center of the football ground and be back in twenty minutes."

"Niver moind, Jimmy! Coom on home! It's not a boy they're wanting; it's an angel."

Mrs. Jones—Why, Mrs. Brown, you're not going so soon? I thought you were to be here all summer?

Mrs Brown—I did intend to; but my husband has just sent me a check for two hundred dollars—without a murmur!—Puck.

Gotham Rich Crowd the Great Thoroughfare.

Broadway's Strange Pictures During the Days Before Christmas.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS

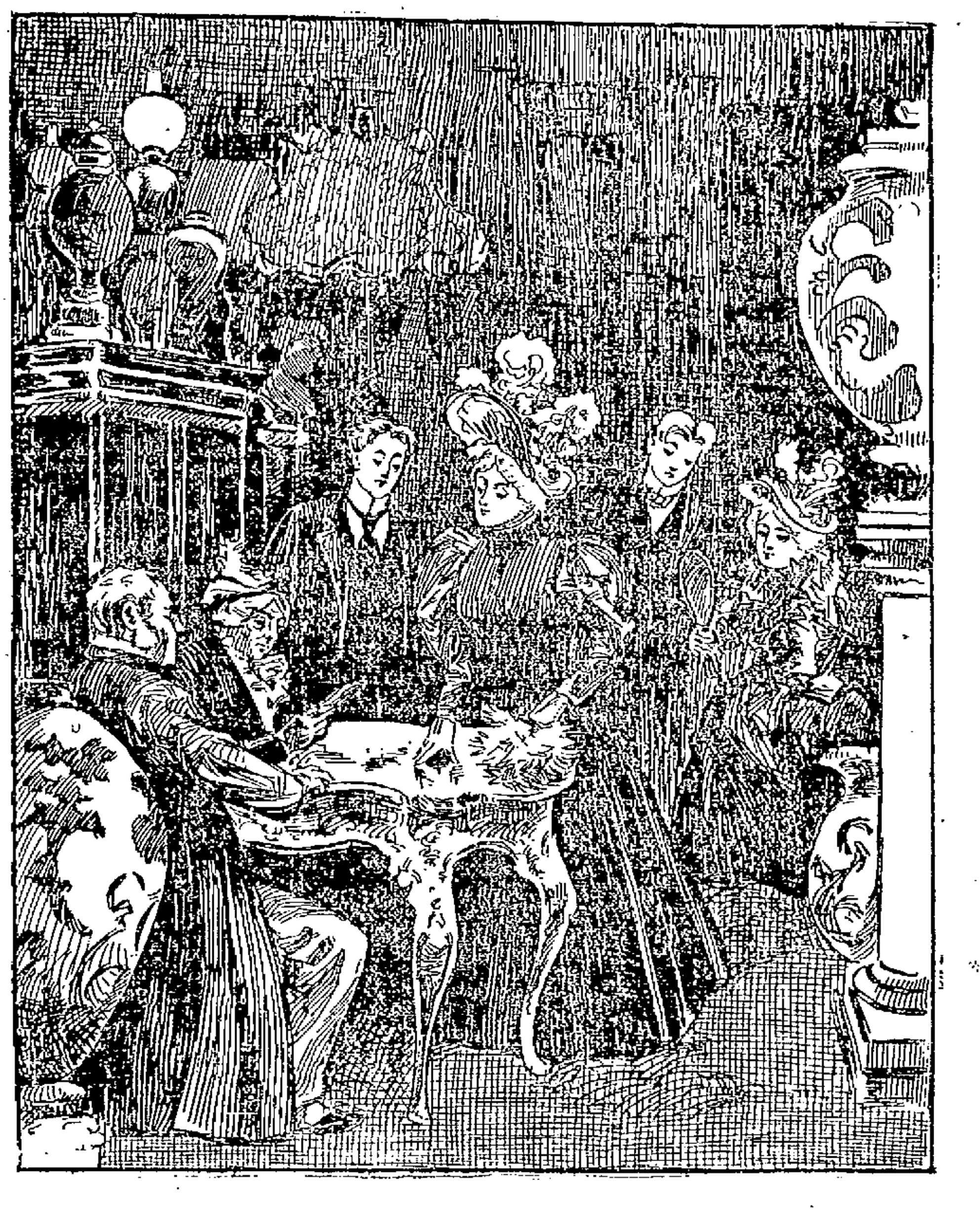
New York.—On the weeks before Christmas, upper Broadway, and its many arteries are ablaze with lights and thronged with well-dressed crowds. Stand at the junction of Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue, look in any direction and you will see a sight which scarcely another city can furnish. Beautiful women, arrayed in costly furs and bedecked with diamonds, well-groomed men, with tall, silk hats and fashionable garments; uniformed messenger boys darting hither and thither laden with Christmas boxes; delivery wagons filled to overflowing with parcels and packages; private carriages dashing along and stopping at the various jewelry or plate establishments in the vicinity.

Crowds of well-dressed men and women flock in front of the most fashionable jewelry and bric-a-brac stores, admiring the magnificent display of goods worth a King's ransom, while at the counters are hosts of busy buyers.

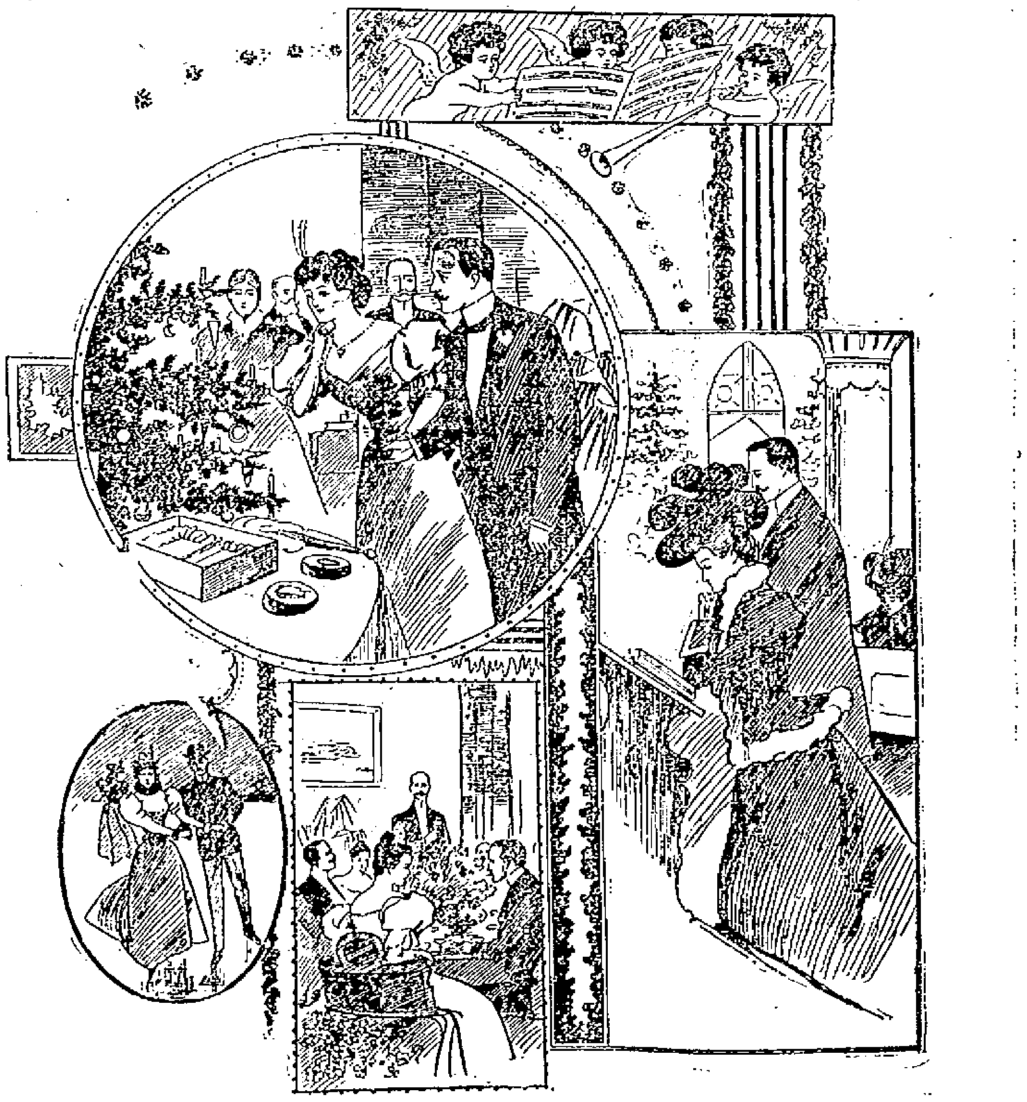
Let us enter one of these mammoth jewelry establishments. The great glass door is opened quickly by a liveried attendant, and, presto! we are in the midst of a display which even Aladdin never witnessed. All sorts of precious gems, diamonds by the bushel, and jewelry by the ton. The effect is simply bewildering, and it would require volumes to describe in detail he wonderful array of costly trinkets. Here is a diamond tiara and brooch of rare design. It has for a foundation slender cross-bars of gold which resemble a filmy bit of lace. Below are a dozen first-water diamonds suspended by delicate gold chains. Then come row upon row of smaller diamonds. In the center of the design is a true-lover's knot, composed of emeralds, rubies and pearls.

The price? Oh, only a small matter of $25,000.

The display in solid silverware, made up especially for the holiday trade, is simply stupendous.



HOW THE RICH BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.



Incidents of a Happy Christmas Day.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Each Foreign Board Treasurer seems to have his own way of transmitting money to foreign fields. Nearly thirty years ago the Methodists adopted a plan which their secretaries declare cannot be improved upon. The plan is this: A Secretary draws a three-day draft on the Treasurer of his own Board. This draft he mails to a missionary in some part of the globe. The missionary cashes the draft at any local bank. No missionary is permitted to draw on the Treasurer of his home Board. No mission-Secretary is authorized to sign a draft.

Some advantages of this plan are: 1. The saving of the cost of a bank draft, because the Secretary uses his own draft. 2. The saving of interest while the money is in transit. 3. A gaining of time. To illustrate the latter advantage it is needful only to point out that, were a draft purchased at a bank, the money or its collateral would of course have to be forthcoming to pay for it. Under the plan in use the Secretary sends the draft to the missionary whether he has the ready money or the collateral in hand at the moment or not. One to three months are required for the mails to bring the draft back. By that time the money is in hand.

In Africa the drafts of the Methodist Board are similar, in both appearance and availability, to United States money. Some are issued for as small a sum as 25 cents. They pass as readily as currency along the coast and in ily as currency all along the coast and in many parts of the interior. Often they are many months, in some cases years, in being returned to the home office for redemption.—Church Economist.

It is quite easy to tell if your feet are the proper size. Every person unless deformed, has a bone of the exact normal length of the foot, and, by comparison, the largeness or smallness of the foot can be seen.

The foot in length should be the length of the ulna, a bone in the forearm which extends from a lump in the outer portion of the wrist to the elbow. Of course, the ulna is longer in tall people, and so to be graceful the foot should be also.

Most people would be surprised to hear that the foot should be as long as the forearm, and would be inclined to dispute the fact unless proved by experience.—Golden Days.

A BANK ROBBER KILLED

Struck With a Bludgeon and Thrown Down Stairs.

He was Implicated in Many Robberies—He is Not the Pugilist of that Name—Explosion of Celluloid.

New York, Dec. 21.—John ("Kid") McCoy, supposed to be an ex-bank burglar whose record is known to the police of all countries, was probably fatally injured Monday by John McGinness, proprietor of a lodging house. The men quarrelled because McCoy said that the reputation of the house was not good and he would not allow his wife to work there. McGinness threw McCoy downstairs and then struck him on the head with a heavy club, causing hemorrhage of the brain. McCoy was taken to a hospital and McGinness was arrested.

"Kid" McCoy was implicated in many celebrated robberies. When last released from Sing Sing he asserted that he intended to lead an honest life. Since then he has made a precarious living selling locks. At one time he took part in a realistic drama called "The Stowaway," in which he and a companion cracked a safe on the stage. Norman Selby, the Indiana pugilist, it is said, after witnessing a performance of "The Stowaway," announced that hereafter he would call himself "Kid McCoy," and he has appeared in the prize ring under that name.

A number of the older members of the police force are of the opinion that the injured man is not the McCoy who was notorious as a lawbreaker, but that shortly after the death of that individual he assumed the name and title and, in company with a number of desperate thieves, committed many burglaries.

EXPLOSION OF CELLULOID.

New York, Dec. 21.—Two pasteboard boxes filled with celluloid combs came in contact with the steampipes of a car on the Sixth avenue elevated road Monday and exploded with great force while the train was standing at a station. Two men were hurt by the explosion, and three women fainted and had to be carried out of the car. There was a panic, but the fact that when the accident occurred the car was stationary and the gates were open operated to avoid disastrous results.

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Christmas money order business of the New York postoffice this year greatly exceeds that of any previous year. All of the foreign business is transacted through the New York office, and a great mass of orders will be handled here this week. Christmas presents to Europe represented by the money orders sent during the first 18 days in December aggregated $1,536,636.08, in 140,903 orders.

A SWINDLING WIDOW.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mary R. Hanson, alias "Dutch Mary," 62 years old, and a widow, convicted of grand larceny in the first degree in Brooklyn, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for two years. Mrs. Hanson, it was charged, obtained $75 from Nellie E. Shea under false pretenses. She represented herself to be the widow of a Swedish admiral who had left a large fortune, held by the United States government.

SPARED MURDERER'S LIFE.

New York, Dec. 21.—The trial of Seaman Philip Carter, who on June 30 last murdered W. A. Bayona, his shipmate, and Superior Officer Thomas Kenny on board the battleship Indiana at the dock in the Brooklyn navy yard, was concluded in the United States circuit court yesterday. The jury found a verdict of "guilty, without capital punishment." Carter will be imprisoned for life.

THE BOSTON CAMPAIGN

The Closest for Many Years for the Mayoralty.

Riley the Disturbing Factor—His Candidacy May Help Elect Curtis and Defeat Quincy.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Rallies by supporters of three of the leading candidates for mayor in various parts of the city closed the campaign last night. The contest, which began immediately after the state election, has been a long one, owing to the fact that the election was put over a week by the last legislature, as it was anticipated that the city, at the state election, would accept a new plan for the consolidation of the board of aldermen and the common council, and that the additional time would be necessary to adjust matters. The act, however, was not accepted, and the extra week gave more opportunity for stirring up strife, so that the campaign has been the warmest that has been seen here for many years.

The disturbing factor has been the candidacy of Thomas Riley, who is running on the Bryan Democratic ticket, and his campaign, which has been avowedly antagonistic to Mayor Quincy, has been fought with great vigor by several young politicians, notably John B. Moran, Timothy W. Coakley and Philip J. Doherty. Mr. Riley has spoken almost nightly in different parts of the city, while the other two candidates have refrained from any speeches whatsoever. Although the Republican orators have been hard at work for three weeks the Quincy campaign did not gain headway until a week ago, P. A. Collins being the principal speaker.

The fight has been noteworthy for its intensity of feeling, especially on the part of the Riley supporters, whose onslaughts on Mayor Quincy have been exceedingly bitter. The mayor has also been the subject of severe criticism by the Republican speakers, especially in regard to his attitude in the erection of the new union station upon its present site.

As the election of Mr. Riley is considered out of the question, the contest apparently depends on how many votes he can draw from the regular Democratic candidate and thus insure an election of ex-Mayor Curtis. While the city gave a Republican majority last month, the registration, which has been exceedingly heavy, has been greatest in Democratic wards, and, taking into consideration the fact that the city under ordinary conditions is Democratic, the question of which of the two candidates will carry off the victory appears to be very much in doubt, with both sides claiming it.

GOLD DEMOCRATS' CLUB.

Boston, Dec. 21.—At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Democratic club of Massachusetts, numerous reports of the work of the past year were read. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Henry W. Lamb, Brookline; vice presidents, Sigourney Butler, Boston; John W. Corcoran, Clinton; James E. Cotter, Hyde Park; Charles A. DeCourcey, Lawrence; William L. Douglas, Brockton; Thomas J. Gargan, Boston; Henry B. Little, Newburyport; John G. Lane, Norwood; Waldo Lincoln, Worcester; Nathan Matthews, Jr., Boston; George T. McLaughlin, Sandwich; Josiah Quincy, Boston; John E. Russell, Leicester; Charles C. Spellman, Springfield; Eben S. Stevens, Dudley; secretary, Francis L. Cooledge, Boston; treasurer, Edmund A. Whitman, Cambridge; executive committee, term expiring Dec. 31, 1898, Charles L. Barton, Melrose; Frederick L. Greene, Greenfield; James E. McConnell, Fitchburg; Charles G. Saunders, Lawrence; term expiring Dec. 31, 1900, Charles H. Cole, Jr., Boston; T. B. Crater, Winchester; Prescott F. Hall, Brookline; Edwin Sheafe, Boston.

MARVEL TO PHYSICIANS.

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 21.—Though more than three days have elapsed since David S. Lambert of Wilton was fatally shot by burglars whom he surprised plundering his home, the victim of the cowardly attack still clings to life. He weakened perceptibly yesterday, however, and the physicians are momentarily looking for the end. He has not recovered consciousness since he was shot, and it has been a marvel to the physicians that he has lived so long, considering that a bullet was lodged in his brain and another just over his heart.

Mrs. Lambert, who it was feared would succumb to nervous prostration, is considerably improved, although still very weak from the ordeal she has undergone. Though there have been rumors current from several different places of the men being run down, they all proved untrue.

RIVET GOLD STANDARD.

Nashville, Dec. 21.—The resolution reported favorably by the committee endorsing independent political action and declaring against injunction was yesterday adopted by the Federation of Labor.

The resolution in reference to the free coinage of silver was taken up and a substitute on the Gage bill was adopted. The substitute opposed the Gage financial bill and declares that it is "a measure that would only the more firmly rivet the gold standard on the people of the country and perpetuate its disastrous effects in every form."

WAS A CIGARET FIEND.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Peter S. McMahon of Albany committed suicide yesterday. He left the following note:

"Brother Dan: Please quit smoking for my sake. You don't know what I suffer. Cigarets is the cause of this. I have been crazy a week. Good bye."

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

LABOR MATTERS

A MUZZLED PRESS.

HOW FREE SPEECH IS THREATENED BY THE POSTAL CENSORSHIP.

The Suppression of the Lottery Leaves Us a Legacy of the Unlawful Means Which Accomplished the Suppression—The Labor Press Warned.

[Special Correspondence.]

The annual report of the assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, recently published, shows that official jubilant over the demise of the lottery business. He says: "The postoffice department, by its vigorous enforcement of the antilottery laws, has killed the lottery business in this country. The courts have construed the antilottery laws strictly and have held them all to be constitutional, thus sustaining the department in every way. * * * So fortified, such vigorous war was waged against all lottery concerns as to cause their disbandment and abandonment." This is the pronunciamento of General Tyner, the man who is at the head of what is practically a censorship of the press and mails in the United States.

Now I can conceive of nothing more mischievous than this perversion of official power to the advancement of ends in no wise related to the purpose for which that power is delegated. It is no part of the purpose of the postoffice to wage vigorous war against lotteries or any other enterprise. If a postmaster can be permitted to use his office to wage war upon any class of business, however objectionable, we will soon find him using his office to oppose his antagonists in matters of religion or politics.

The doctrine of this report is wrong in every particular. The postoffice is not charged with the duty of enforcing antilottery laws or anti anything else laws. The courts should construe all criminal laws broadly in favor of liberty, not narrowly so as to make them traps for the innocent. It is not the business of the courts to sustain the department in every way. That is not what courts are for, and it is too painfully manifest that as to this lottery matter the courts in their readiness to sustain the department in every way have violated the constitution, and in so doing have sacrificed their integrity and forfeited the respect of the people.

That the lottery is a giant evil, propagating all sorts of misery, degradation and crime, may readily be conceded, but there are cases in which the remedy is worse than the disease, and it may be well to consider whether in our zeal to suppress one form of vice we may not be forging chains which may in time be fastened upon the neck of progress, so when a thing as obnoxious even as the lottery is exterminated at the cost of repudiating our fundamental guarantee of liberty, debauching our courts, destroying the respect of the people for the administration of justice and establishing a reckless, irresponsible and very suspicious censorship, the cost of that victory is entirely too great. It is like burning down one's house to roast one's pig.

The censor's report goes on to state that during the year 244 fraud orders under the amended antilottery laws were issued, of which 64 were revoked. This means that in 244 cases individuals have been accused of fraud and of violating the law and have been tried and found guilty and execution issued upon that judgment by which the victims and their correspondents have been deprived of their right to the use of the mails, and all this by the fiat of the postal censorship and not by any judicial officer or tribunal, without notice to the accused, without any chance to be heard at any stage of the proceedings and without even a pretense of that due process of law in default of which the constitution assures us no citizen may be deprived of life, liberty or property.

Of the 64 fraud orders revoked the report is silent as to the cost to the victim of regaining his rights and as to the means by which the reinstatement was accomplished, but under the most charitable construction that can be placed upon the report 64 mistakes have been made by the censorship. Of the remaining 180 the public will never be likely to know how many continued in force because the victims were too poor to make an almost hopeless fight against this tyranny of the postal censorship backed up by courts which "sustain the department in every way."

This iniquity, more disastrous by far than all the mischief ever wrought by the lottery, has come about because courts and legislatures have been carried away from their constitutional moorings by the drift of a great popular clamor. They cry of "Mad dog!" having been raised against the lotteries by those who had a purpose in doing so was joined in by all classes everywhere and pulpit, press and forum united to augment and intensify the cry until under this stress and pressure congressional gamblers enacted a law resting unusual, arbitrary and unconstitutional power in the postmaster general, and poker playing judges "sustain the department in every way." This whole affair is the rankest hypocrisy. Upon this subject, Hon. Hannis Taylor, our recent minister to Spain, in a very cogent article in The North American Review, December, 1892, says: "There can hardly be a doubt that neither congress nor the supreme court would have permitted themselves to be dragged into this grotesque position, so dangerous to the future liberty of the country, had not both bodies been seduced by the fatal argument that the vastness of a temporary evil, which they were called upon to suppress and which they alone could suppress, justified the sacrifice."

A censorship having been established by the original Comstock law of 1873 and having been intrenched and fortified by the antilottery legislation, an effort was next made to gain increased power by the introduction of a bill in the house by Mr. Henderson (120, Jan. 5, 1892) and in the senate by Mr. Dolph (2,684, April 4, 1892). At this time the press seems to have waked up a little, and the movement was killed by an adverse report of the senate committee (747, May 25, 1892), in which a just conclusion was reached, though not entirely from right premises. Strangely enough, this identical bill was introduced two years later by Mr. Hayes in the house (4,782, Dec. 13, 1893). But by this time the general press of the country had gained some foggy conception of what it was all about and had got some inkling of what kind of people were clamoring for this kind of legislation as well as some notion of the motives of those people, and the outcry denouncing the Hayes bill became so universal that Mr. Hayes was forced to wash his hands of the matter with whatever of good grace he could command.

As a fair sample of the general course of editorial comment on this subject take the following from The Daily Post, Houston, Feb. 24, 1894:

"An objectionable bill is now before congress, a revival in another guise of an obnoxious measure which was effectively squelched, and the alert newspaper writers are turning upon it the calcium light of truth and righteousness. The bill in question establishes a press censorship which is altogether repugnant to the American idea of free speech and empowers the postmaster general or one of his underlings to deny to any newspaper which may fall under the ban of his displeasure the privilege of using the mails. The power which this bill, introduced by Mr. Hayes of Iowa in December last, confers upon postal authorities is such as would enable a postmaster to set his judgment as to journalistic propriety against that of the editor and proprietor and destroy an entire mail edition of the newspaper, and the publisher would have no redress whatever. He could, for example, declare an innocent proprietary medicine advertisement objectionable matter, and upon that throw out not only the offending but future editions of the paper.

"But the bill will never become a law for the reason that the newspapers have turned the light on it and will administer a blow every time its head pops up."

This would all be good enough if the editor meant anything by it. With what childlike innocence he says "the bill will never become a law," not stopping to think how the original law of 1873 was enacted in the first instance! But the most remarkable thing about it all is that at the head of the very newspaper in which this editorial appears is the legend "Mailable edition," and as matter of fact another edition is printed containing an advertisement of the lottery, which these infamous laws forbid to be mailed. This last is the "Nonmailable edition," and yet this editor does not appear to be conscious that he is already in the grip of the censorship and that his paper is published not with the freedom guaranteed by the constitution, but in accordance with the methods prescribed by a really existing censorship, and he seems never to have asked himself, if power to exclude lottery advertisements from the mail is conceded, what is to prevent the further concession of power to exclude anything and everything else.

It is inevitable that unless the censorship is killed more effectually than it has killed the lottery it will go on acquiring new powers and gaining new strength until, instigated by monopolistic corruption or driven by capitalistic greed, it will venture to attack the labor press as it has already attacked the more radical press. I can do little more than send forth a note of warning. Forewarned is forearmed.

ED W. CHAMBERLAIN.

New York.

Chinese Chop Hing Tong.

The Chinese laundrymen of Washington have formed a combination similar to those organized in New York and other eastern cities and have agreed upon a scale of prices for laundry work, which, in effect, ends the rate cutting war that was inaugurated here by certain of the Celestials about three years ago. The scale of prices agreed upon has been put into effect, and it is said that nearly every Chinaman in Washington has agreed to adhere to the rates fixed by the combination. They have associated themselves together and have formed what they call Chop Hing Tong, meaning in English, Laundry Workers' association.

It is very much on the order of a labor union, except that their methods of organizing are quite dissimilar. A committee of influential Chinamen went around and called upon every Chinese laundryman in the city and informed him that he was a member of the new association and handed him a card upon which was printed the scale of prices to be charged. The sum of 25 cents was exacted to pay the expenses of the walking delegates, as the members of the committee might be termed, and to cover the cost of printing the cards. No meeting has been held, and it seems that there is no provision for any meetings.—Washington Post.

A Labor Journal For Atlanta.

The labor men of Atlanta propose to publish a paper devoted to the interests of the wageworkers of the city, state and south, says The Constitution. A stock company has been organized and the labor men hope to start the enterprise in a short time. The stock of the company consists of 5,000 shares at a par value of $1 each. Of this amount 10 per cent on each share of stock is to be paid weekly until the entire amount is paid up. No stockholder is to have more than one vote regardless of the number of shares he may hold. Any person can take as many shares as he may desire.

English Wage Statistics.

Statistics bearing on 8,500,000 laborers and railway and marine employees in England show that 607,634 had their wages raised in 1896, 382,225 had theirs lowered, and the remainder earned about as much as before.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The report that Russia has seized Port Arthur is entirely untrue.

Five persons were burned to death and 80 injured in a fire which destroyed an asphalt factory at Baedova, Spain.

From all parts of the province of Ontario come reports of severe weather. At White River the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero and at Matta 16.

William Hansen, aged 65, a philosopher and political economist, committed suicide in Brooklyn by drinking prussic acid. The cause of the suicide was poverty.

The chief of the Hamburg fire brigade, in the course of a report on the recent fire in the Cripplegate district of London, condemns the London fire brigade as "inadequate and antiquated."

The Fitchburg railroad station at Williamstown, Mass., was burned Monday afternoon. Of the contents a few trunks which were in the baggage room were saved. The fire was caused by an exploding lamp.

Ansel S. Burney, wholesale grain dealer at Wareham, Mass., lost his storehouse by fire last night. The loss will be fully $10,000, as Mr. Burney had a large amount of hay in the building, besides several thousand bushels of grain.

Judge Charles Daniels of Buffalo was stricken with paralysis in his office Monday afternoon and died last evening. After his retirement from the bench on account of the age limit, Judge Daniels was twice elected a member of congress.

The report of severe gales along the coast of Newfoundland brings anxiety to the homes of many Gloucester sailors, as just now fully 60 sailors from that port are on herring trips in that vicinity. Should disaster overtake the fleet the winter will be a sorrowful one in Gloucester.

A writ of certiorari has been allowed by Justice Dixon of the New Jersey supreme court for the review of the proceedings of the state board of canvassers at which the constitutional amendment against gambling was declared carried. If the contestants' point is sustained the anti-track amendment will be defeated.

BIG BUILDING BURNED.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Fire broke out at 1:15 this morning in the big Auditorium building, which contains the largest theatre in Kansas City, and one of the big hotels. The fire originated in the servants' quarters on the sixth floor of the hotel. Though the greatest excitement prevailed among the guests of the hotel, no one was hurt in the panic which followed the alarm of fire, and all escaped to the street. At 1:40 the fire was believed to be under control, but at 1:55, the flames burst forth again, and made headway against the efforts of the firemen.

MATCH CARELESSLY THROWN.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—The extensive establishment of Gronk, Horner & Co., dealers in plumbers' supplies, was partially destroyed Monday by fire, entailing a loss of about $150,000 on stock and building. The fire started on the top floor of a seven-story building and is supposed to have been caused by a match carelessly thrown in cotton waste. Three floors were gutted. On one of the burned floors was about $50,000 worth of patterns which cannot be replaced. Besides this the firm lost about $75,000 on stock, fully covered by insurance. The building was damaged to the extent of $25,000.

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ROOMS TO LET—IN THE SUN BUILDING Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—IN CENTRALVILLE—CORNER of Read and Fifth street, two story house, large barn, 5000 feet of land, lots of fruit. This is a nice place. Price $4000. G. L. Hubbard, 41 Central street.

LOST—A SUM OF MONEY SATURDAY night somewhere between Barnes and Appleton streets. Finder will please return to 13 Barnes street and receive reward.

LOST—A POCKETBOOK CONTAINING A sum of money and valuable papers in Knox & Carlton's store Saturday night. Return to The Sun office and be rewarded.

FOR SALE—BOARDING AND LODGING house of 27 rooms. Price $350. G. L. Hubbard, 41 Central street.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN FOR PERMANENT position paying $800 first year. $100 required for samples. Address Manager Builders Exchange, Worcester, Mass.

WANTED—HOUSEGIRLS AT THE Lowell Employment office, 252 Merrimack street, opposite City Hall.

FOR SALE—ON BRANCH STREET, GOOD house and barn, large lot of land. This can be bought at a bargain and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 41 Central street.

WAGONS OWING TO LACK OF STORAGE, I am obliged to sell at any price the following wagons: viz—1 high grade democrat, 1 first class grocers wagon, 1 very fine top square wagon, 1 extra second hand square wagon. 6 Hollis St.

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LOST—POCKETBOOK BETWEEN EAST Merrimack street and Oaklands. Finder return to this office.

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5 45	6 55	6 00	§7 10
6 25	7 45	6 25	7 45
6 42	7 52	6 40	§7 35
§7 04	8 02	7 05	8 10
*§7 20	8 10	*9 40	§10 10
*§7 24	8 15	*9 00	§9 38
§7 35	8 50	9 10	§10 25
*7 45	8 37	10 17	11 33
*8 50	9 49	10 45	11 55
9 16	10 35	11 30	§12 07
9 40	10 40	12 00	§12 50
11 00	12 04	*1 00	§1 35
§11 44	12 35	2 00	3 04
§12 15	1 05	*3 00	§3 38
1 49	2 50	3 47	5 03
3 00	4 25	4 14	§5 34
*§3 53	4 33	*5 00	5 45
4 23	5 30	5 35	6 35
§5 22	6 15	5 47	6 57
5 44	7 10	6 14	7 30
*§6 23	7 05	*7 30	§8 08
*§7 42	8 30	*8 00	§8 38
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Sunday Trains.

To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
§7 20	8 10	2 15	§3 05
§7 58	8 55	9 00	§10 07
8 45	9 50	1 00	§1 57
§9 19	10 10	5 00	§5 50
§4 26	5 32	7 35	§8 15
§6 06	7 10	8 00	§8 55
		9 00	10 05

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To Boston Lve.	To Boston Arr.	From Boston Lve.	From Boston Arr.
6 50	8 03	7 30	8 34
8 15	9 15	9 25	10 37
9 25	10 30	10 35	11 46
10 50	12 02	11 50	1 05
12 05	1 27	2 15	3 19
12 45	1 58	3 45	4 55
2 30	3 44	4 25	5 45
3 20	4 27	5 01	6 20
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5 10	6 47	6 35	7 48
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Is your coal bin ready for a cold winter? If not place your order with W. D. Livingston, 16 Thorndike street, today.

ALDERMEN MEET.

The board of aldermen held a short special meeting last night and voted to grant the petitions for a recount of the license, the aldermanic, the Ward Seven councilmanic, and the Ward Two mayoralty vote.

NEW CITY COMMITTEE.

Secretary Muldoon of the democratic city committee filed an application yesterday with City Clerk Dadman for the use of the polling places in the various wards December 30, for the purpose of choosing members of the democratic city committee for 1898.

MR. SHIELDS INJURED.

Mr. John Shields, an employe of the Boston Ice company, met with quite a serious accident Saturday afternoon, while at work at the company's ice house at North Chelmsford. His foot caught in the run and a cake of ice fell upon it, breaking it in two places. He was taken home.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. Lee Ward of 49 Marshall street was very agreeably surprised Saturday evening by a large number of his friends who presented him with an elegant Morris chair. After the presentation, to which Mr. Ward responded in a fitting manner, refreshments were served, and a general good time followed, the company departing for home at a seasonable hour, after wishing him many happy hours in his new chair.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Defenders and Belmonts of the Les Miserables tournament teams rolled off last night their match which was scheduled for January 19. The Defenders had no difficulty in winning from the start, although the score was close at the end of the second string. The score:

DEFENDERS.

Bridge	508
Lyons	512
Sweeney	481
Buckley	473
Jordan	448
Totals	2452

DELMONTS.

Runels	505
Murphy	501
Wing	460
Wilson	460
Sub	461
Totals	2390

In the Highland duck pin tournament last night Team Two had an easy victory over Team One as the following score shows:

TEAM TWO.

Ranlett	195
Barton	252
Turner	202
Pepin	210
Totals	859

TEAM ONE.

Anderson	227
Hartwell	239
Faver	205
C. Carter	196
Totals	867

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Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

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Croup Cure

is what many a mother is looking for, something absolutely safe and reliable, that will disarm her terror of that dread rattling, strangling cough, so fearful to the mother, so fatal to the child. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a croup cure that can be relied on. Thousands say so. Mrs. W. J. Dickson ("Stanford Eveleth") author of Romance of the Provinces, writes from Truro, N. S.:

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is put up in two sizes. The large size, $1.00. Half size, half price —50 cents.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL.

At the meeting of Integrity lodge, M.U.O.F., last night, the following officers were elected: N. G., William Martin; V. G., John Irwin; E. S., James Brooks, P. S., A. H. Best; treasurer, John McPhail; L. M. and chaplain, K. J. McKenzie; warden, M. A. Currie; trustee for 18 months, Samuel Rogers; delegate to district meeting, K. J. McKenzie.

Livermore lodge, A.O.U.W., elected these officers last night: Master workman, Joseph Fleming; foreman, W. H. Waterson; overseer, Elmer Arnold; receiver, Chas. H. Clements; financier, A. W. Parker; recorder, O. Whitcomb; outside watchman, Percy Britton; inside watchman, Hector Sunderland; guide, Chas. H. Glidden; trustee for three years, David Common.

The semi-annual election of officers in Prosperity Circle, Companions of the Forest, last night, resulted as follows: Chief companion, Wm. H. Stafford; sub chief companion, Mary E. Santwere; recording secretary, James H. Hickey; financial secretary, John E. Maguire; treasurer, Hugh McOsker; right guide, Rose Gallagher; left guide Nellie Hayes; inside guard, Bridget Finnucan; outside guard, Abraham Beryl physician, Dr. M. J. Landers; organist, Jennie Fullon, treasurer for three years, Minnie Keeler.

The officers chosen by Wamesit lodge M.U.O.F., are: Grand master, John H. Mills; noble grand, James Fraser; vice grand, Rufus McDonald; permanent secretary, John Orrell; elective secretary, Wm. H. Rigby; treasurer, Isaac Tinker; physician, Dr. C. L. Sweetser; druggists, Martin & Co.; trustee, Wm. Mack; pianist, Frank Wilkinson; delegate to district meeting in Boston, J. S. Jackson.

SOUTHERN COMPETITION.

Editor of the Sun—I have read with a great deal of amusement the articles in the different papers about southern competition in the cotton industry Mr. Editor, this is the biggest bluff that was ever foisted upon the American working people. The republican manufacturers know full well that a reduction of wages right in the commencement of what they promised was to be an era of prosperity, would be detrimental to their prospects in the election of 1898 and 1900. Now they seek some other pretext and the greatest wonder is that the American working people have not been sharp enough to see that the Mail and Courier political combine would not advocate anything unless it were in the interests of the manufacturer. The old saying that you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time will prove true in this case. Why not come out and tell the truth, and say that the Dingley tariff is a failure?

—A Workingman.

Lowell, Dec. 21, 1897.

WINTER IS NOW ON.

Today is St. Thomas' Day, the shortest day of tthe year in the northern hemisphere and is also marks the beginning of winter and the 25th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

First class printing done at this office.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Incidents of the Boston Tea Party Recalled.

A VERY PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE SOCIABLE.

Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R. was Present.

The social meeting of the Middlesex Women's club and Molly Varnum Chapter, D.A.R., was held in the meeting hall of the former organization yesterday afternoon.

In each of the four corners of the hall was a table from which were served light refreshments under the direction of the hospitality committee, Mrs. F. C. Plunkett, chairman, and provided by the D. L. Page company. The original historic tea party was constantly kept in mind by various symbols. On each table was a genuine tea chest and in one of the chests was a little Christmas tree with candles burning, and each table was decked with holly.

In the unavoidable absence of Miss Whittier, Mrs. J. G. Hill, vice president of the club opened the formal exercises with a welcome to the D.A.R., and a few words concerning the memorable day in 1778 which helped to change the nation's fate. She then introduced Mrs. Thomas Nesmith, regent of the Molly Varnum Chapter, who acknowledged the hospitality of the club and announced the various numbers on the short program. After the singing of two verses of America by the assembled ladies, Miss Rebecca Norcross read an interesting paper, telling the facts of the Boston Tea Party as they were recorded in diaries at the time. The diaries are a treasured property of a Bostonian, but were lent for this use. Miss Agnes Everett sang two groups of songs to excellent acceptance. She must have suited all in her selection, for the songs ranged from tender sentiment to Mother Goose. The D.A.R. was represented, for Dorothy and Caroline Wright, Hazel Chadwick, and Miriam Savage, accompanied by Miss Marion Hovey, sang the story of the Tea Party.

Mrs. W. H. Howard, for the hospitality committee, presented to Miss Whittier through Mrs. Hill, a floral copy of the ship which brought the famous tea to this country.

Among the guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Harriet Robinson and Mrs. Harriet R. Shattuck of Malden, the granddaughter and great granddaughter, respectively, of Seth Ingersoll Browne, who was one of the "Indians" who helped in the work of destroying the tea. His name, with the names of other members of the historic company, is on the monument erected to their memory in Mt. Hope cemetery, Worcester.

NORTH CHELMSFORD.

On next Thursday evening, a grand entertainment will be held by the Sundayschool children in St. John's church at North Chelmsford, at which an extra good program will be offered. The children will be the principal participants, but local talent will give vocal and instrumental solos, with an exhibition of lightning sketching. It is to be hoped that the entertainment will be a brilliant success, so as to reward the little ones and their able teachers, who have worked zealously to make it such for some time.

MATRIMONIAL.

A quiet but pretty home wedding was solemnized at 4.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when Mr. Arthur Gilson and Miss Blanche Martin were happily married, the short but impressive ceremony being performed by Rev. R. A. Greene at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 7 Favor street. They will reside in Salem.

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TO SECURE A NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Annual Meeting Held Last Night.

Rev. George F. Kenngott presided over the meeting of the First Trinitarian church, last evening. Among the reports submitted were the following:

Report of clerk, Harry P. Graves. During the year there were 39 admissions to the church, 26 by confession of faith and 2 by letter. There were 13 dismissals, making a total net gain of 26. The exact membership of the church could not be stated, owing to complications still existing. There had been 539 members, but only 458 of these had signed the Trinitarian roll call, though the others had all been asked to do so. They continued to worship in the old church.

Rev. George F. Kenngott's report—There were 32 baptisms, 16 of them adults. Of the 20 funerals attended, only 5 had been for members of the church. There had been 15 marriages, but only one person, of the 30 belonged to the church. Officers were then elected as follows:

Clerk, Daniel A. Eaton; assistant, Nellie A. Richards; treasurer, I. Warren Bisbee; assistant, Ida E. Bisbee; deacons for three years, Samuel H. Gilman, Charles H. Swain; superintendent of Sunday school, Arrin C. Frye; standing committee, pastor and deacons, Mrs. L. A. Butman, Nellie M. Cook, Mrs. C. E. Snyder; discipline committee, pastor, Henry Farrington, Wm. Wright, Mrs. C. . Sherman, Mrs. J. B. Yorke; directors of the Sunday school, pastor, superintendent of Sunday school, Clifford B. Carey, Mrs. Chas. T. Upton, Nellie A. Richards; committee on the state of the church, Dr. C. E. Snyder, Mary J. Martin, Mrs. Clara A. Wheeler; trustees, O. A. Brigham, J. D. Hartwell, J. S. Murphy, E. N. Wood, A. W. Sheldon, Franklin Martin, Charles T. Upton.

The fifth article was to see whether the church would vote to buy, lease, or hire a place of worship. A resolution was introduced that the trustees receive contributions for the purpose stated, no greater expense than the money pledged to be incurred without a vote of the church.

The resolution was laid upon the table without debate.

Mrs. George F. Kenngott was given a rising vote of thanks for her successful management of the church singing.

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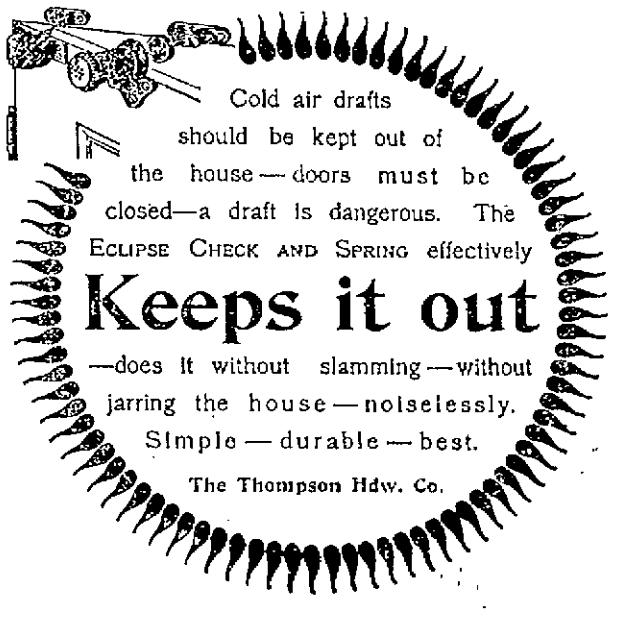

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It is evident that the public are bound to have us continue our Fire and Water Sale and keep on giving bargains, and we must acknowledge that the elements are with the public for the rains of last Tuesday and Wednesday, had full sway to come right down on what stock we had in our receiving room as there **is no roof** on the building yet and we had about $2,000 more of goods more or less wet during that rain. In the lot was

16 CASES

Extra heavy, very large fine Cotton Fleeced Blankets in white, tan and grey, with elegant borders; every case got wet and the Blankets dampened some, they are regular $1.25 Blankets but **they go in the Great Sale to-day at One-half price**

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